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**Around
The Army****Fort Riley:****Spouse found dead
at Marshall Air Field**

Michele A. Doolan, 24, was found dead July 29 in a parking lot at Marshall Army Air Field. She died in her car of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Doolan was the spouse of a Fort Riley Soldier assigned to the 82nd Medical Company.

The incident is under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Division and autopsy results are pending.

**Four Guard Soldiers
killed in Baghdad**

Four National Guard Soldiers died while they were on patrol when an improvised explosive device detonated near their "Humvee" in Baghdad, Iraq on July 24. The Soldiers were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Soldiers were assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, 48th Infantry Brigade, 24th Infantry Division.

The dead are:

Spc. Jacques E. Brunson, 30, of Americus, Ga. He was an infantryman.

Staff Sgt. Carl R. Fuller, 44, of Covington, Ga. He was an infantryman.

Sgt. James O. Kinlow, 35, of Thomson, Ga. He was a cannon crewmember.

Sgt. John F. Thomas, 33, of Valdosta, Ga. He was an infantryman.

All four Soldiers deployed to Iraq in May 2005.

Walter Reed:

The Stripe reported July 29 that a group based at Walter Reed Army Medical Center has stepped forward to help families of wounded servicemembers with expenses to stay in the area while their loved ones recover in this high-cost area.

Out of concern for the overwhelming number of family members of war-wounded servicemembers showing up at the hospital's doorstep needing financial assistance, the Walter Reed command asked the Walter Reed Society to help. They created the Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom Family Support Fund.

For more on this story and other Walter Reed Medical Center news, visit www.dcmilitary.com/army/strip/

Fort Campbell:

The Courier reported Aug. 4 that senior noncommissioned officers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team recently began walking the streets of Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday nights.

The NCOs are working with the Metro Police Department to help lessen the police department's concern for Soldier welfare.

The Courtesy Patrol, as the uniformed NCOs are called, helps with incidents involving military personnel and any Soldier who may be in need.

For more on this and other Fort Campbell news, visit www.campbell.army.mil/newstimer/news.asp

Post welcomes new commanders

*By April Blackmon**Staff writer*

Two Soldiers were welcomed back to Kansas July 29 as they got set to help in Fort Riley's upcoming expansion.

Col. Dana Pittard assumes responsibilities as the assistant division commander (maneuver). Col. Lee Staab takes over as assistant division commander (support). The two were welcomed

**Col. Dana
Pittard**

back to Fort Riley during a ceremony at Ware Parade Field. Both are to serve vital roles as Fort Riley prepares for expansion with the arrival of the 6th Brigade,

25th Division and the return of the 1st Infantry Division, said Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley.

"(Staab) is going to be a key component of this team," Hardy said as he introduced Staab.

In his introduction of Pittard, Hardy said, "Now, as the Big Red One gets ready to return, I look at (Pittard) as the leading edge in that maneuver."

**Col. Lee
Staab**

Pittard began his military career at Fort Riley in 1982 after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He arrives back to Fort Riley

after serving as commander of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, which deployed in support of combat operations in Iraq from 2005-2005.

"It's truly great getting you with all of your experience," Hardy said to Pittard.

"Let there be no doubt. It is a war we must win," Pittard said.

Staab, a native of Hays, Kan., also graduated from the United

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JRTC-bound

*Post/Blackmon*

Spc. Nicodemus Markose of the 1st Maint. Co., guides a vehicle onto the rail car July 28.

1st Brigade deploys to Fort Polk

*By Eric Steggeman**ESU Intern*

Ideal weather conditions and support from Soldiers and civilians aided in speeding the 1st Brigade's deployment to Fort Polk, La.

"The weather today is ideal," said Capt. Joseph Young, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), division transportation officer. "With it being 80 degrees, the Soldiers will be comfortable, and it will be easy to work."

The brigade spent three sunny, mild days loading approximately 1,000 vehicles onto flatbed railroad cars from July 26-28 in preparations to ship to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk. The entire operation took approximately 3,000 personnel to complete, Young said.

"Safety is our number one concern around here," Young said. Numerous personnel, like Staff Sgt. Charles Boudreaux, Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion, safety noncommissioned officer, were present to ensure the proper loading process was followed.

"Basically, our job is to observe the loading and securing of the units to make sure everything runs smoothly," Boudreaux said.

Coordination for the rail shipment began early May. 1st Lt. Laura Shiplet, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bde., S-4 movement officer, said. This JRTC shipment was 50 to 75 percent the size of the initial 1st Bde. deployment to Iraq in 2004, she said. Vehicles were transported to the rail site from their respective motor pools earlier in the week. They were then

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*Post/Blackmon*

Mark Adams, a contractor, ties down a vehicle to the rail car July 28.

Four Soldiers receive Purple Hearts

*By April Blackmon**and Stephanie Perrin**Staff writers*

Three 1st Brigade Soldiers received Purple Hearts at a ceremony July 29 at the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor headquarters. And a Reserve Soldier was awarded his second Purple Heart at a ceremony Aug. 1 on Custer Hill Parade

Field.

Medals were pinned on Staff Sgt. Brian Robbins and Spc. John Jayme, both of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, and Spc. Isobeth Valencia of HHC, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, by Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley.

"The three troopers before us

today make us proud not only to be Americans, but to be American Soldiers," said Capt. Dana Stowell, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor rear detachment commander.

Robbins earned his Purple Heart in ground combat operations March 2. He was inspecting the site of an improvised explosive device, or IED, explosion near the town of Bagubah when a second IED exploded at the same loca-

tion. Robbins received shrapnel wounds to his right shoulder, left arm and fractured his left tibia and fibula.

While it is a bittersweet honor, Robbins said, "it feels good though, especially with the support of everybody here."

Jayme received his Purple Heart in ground combat operations April 7. He was conducting recovery operations on an up-armor

"Humvee" which had been disabled near Bagubah by an IED when a second IED exploded at the same location. Jayme received shrapnel wounds to his face, left arm and left eye.

"A lot of things were going through my mind," Jayme said, referring to the aftermath of the explosion. "I was wondering if half my face was still there ... I

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U.S. to give 11 bases back to Germany

By Jim Garamone
AFPS

WASHINGTON – About 6,100 Soldiers will be affected by the United States returning 11 bases to Germany in fiscal 2007, Defense Department officials said today.

The return of the bases is part of the Army's transformation effort that will result in the 1st Infantry Division returning to Fort Riley.

The announcement follows the Army briefing on new locations for the service's modular brigade combat teams. The return of the bases is the first step in restationing some 50,000 Soldiers from Germany and Korea to the United States.

"You will see that these restationing decisions truly ensure that our Soldiers and their families remain at the centerpiece of all that we do, especially from the point of view of reducing net stress on the force, ... and making

more predictable both force rotation and permanent changes of station for our families," said Ray DuBois, a special assistant to the secretary of the Army.

The 11 bases affected are: Harvey Barracks in Kitzingen, Kitzingen Family Housing, Kitzingen Training Area, Larson Barracks, the Schwanberg Site in Kitzingen, Faulenberg Kaserne in Wuerzburg, Giebelstadt Army Airfield, Giebelstadt Dependent Youth Activity Camp, Giebelstadt Tactical Defense Facility and the

Breitsol Communications Station in Wuerzburg.

The Army will retain Leighton Barracks and Wuerzburg Hospital. These two facilities will be returned at a later date, officials said, adding that all decisions have been made after thorough discussions with German officials.

Officials estimate that in addition to the 6,100 Soldiers affected, the moves will also affect 11,000 family members, 1,000 Department of the Army civilians and

1,000 host nation workers.

"Based upon the proposed move of the 1st Infantry Division and their brigade out of Europe during the 2006 time frame, we elected not to send families and Soldiers over to Europe to backfill those Soldiers coming out," said Gen. Richard Cody, Army vice chief of staff. "So basically, we're moving that unit over there now into a cadre status. And sometime here at the end of the year we'll move the flag."

Ultimately, two full brigades

will be stationed in Europe - a Stryker Brigade in Vilseck, Germany, and the 173rd Brigade in Italy. The number of U.S. troops in the region will drop by a half, but it is "certainly not a (U.S.) disappearance from Western Europe," Cody said.

DuBois said the moves will reduce by more than half the number of individual installations the United States currently occupies. "That is a significant amount of money savings to the U.S. taxpayer," he said.



PostSkidmore

Happy 230th birthday

Pfc. Janna Castillo, 1st Eng. Bn., representing the youngest chaplain's assistant on post and Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Orris Kelly, former Department of the Army Chief of Chaplains, cut a birthday cake for the chaplaincy.

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Many tickets issued in safety campaign

More than 4,300 cited in Kansas' 'Click it or Ticket' efforts

By Kan. Dept. of Trans.

More than 4,300 motorists were ticketed for not wearing seat belts and another 855 drivers were cited for failing to properly restrain children during a recent Click It or Ticket mobilization in Kansas.

The aggressive enforcement effort was May 23 through June 5. More than 80 police departments and sheriff's offices, the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Fort Leavenworth Military Police participated in the effort. Nationally, more than 12,000 law enforcement agencies were involved in the mobilization.

"The law enforcement community really stepped up during this mobilization and we applaud their extra efforts," said Pete Bodyk,

chief of the Bureau of Traffic Safety of the Kansas Department of Transportation, which funded the state effort.

This year's mobilization yielded about 1,500 more citations than last year's effort. Police wrote 109 more speeding tickets, 17 more DUIs, 1,219 more seat belt violations and 245 more child restraint violations.

In addition to the enforcement effort, the Click It or Ticket campaign featured extensive newspaper, television and radio advertising. More than 15,800 radio and television ads were run, and 10,000 posters on the Click It or Ticket campaign were distributed.

"Aggressive enforcement periods like Click It or Ticket are most valuable when they're combined with heightened awareness

efforts," Bodyk said.

Last year, 461 people died in vehicle crashes in Kansas - 66 percent of them were not wearing seat belts.

An additional 2,000 people suffered disabling injuries and some 23,000 suffered other injuries. In the 15-18 age group, 85 percent of the 51 young people who were killed in traffic crashes in Kansas last year were unbelted.

Among the states, Kansas ranks 43rd in terms of compliance with seat belt laws.

Kansas law requires all vehicle drivers and front seat passengers to be buckled up.

All children under 14 must be properly restrained.

Children under 4 must be properly secured in an approved child safety seat.

'Click it or Ticket'

During the mobilization, almost 27,500 motorists were stopped.

Those traffic stops resulted in almost 11,000 citations for the following violations:

Seat belt violations - 4,310

Child restraint violations - 855

Speeding - 5,674

Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol - 111

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Post news in brief

Appointment line down Aug. 12

Due to computer service, Irwin Army Community Hospital's appointment line will be down from 2 to 3 p.m. Aug. 12. Patients needing to schedule appointments during that time may call the patient assistant desk at 239-7000 for assistance.

Open House set for Oct. 1

Fort Riley will host its annual Open House and Apple Day Festival on Oct. 1 at Cavalry Parade Field.

The public is welcome to visit the Expo Tent, Veterans Tent, military equipment displays and the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard encampment and demonstrations. Tours of the Custer House, U.S. Cavalry Museum and the Fort Riley Regimental Museum will also be available.

Additionally, a ceremony is planned at the Global War on Terrorism Monument to honor those who died during the attacks from Sept. 11, 2001 and the Soldiers who have died while fighting the war on terrorism. Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, plans to make remarks at the ceremony beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Fort Riley's Open House and Apple Day Festival, which is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., is open to the public and admission is free. The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will sell their apple pies either whole or by the slice at the Custer House.

Toastmasters toast meeting

The next Old Bill's Toastmasters meeting is scheduled from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Aug. 18, in the Rally Point conference room. Meetings are free and open to the general public. For information about the meeting call Jim Hill at 761-1130.

Spouses can use ACAP

Spouses of Soldiers who plan on separating from military service or are exploring the possibility, can use the same ACAP services as that of their Soldier spouses can attend a pre-separation benefits briefing, the 3 1/2 day TAP/ACAP Job Search Workshop, job fairs or other special ACAP events and work with a professional counselors to finalize a resume and prepare for interviews. For more information, call the ACAP Center at 785-239-2278/2248 or stop by our office located on Main Post in building 210, room 006.

Post sirens tested daily

The Fort Riley Operations Center is testing the tornado early warning siren system everyday following the noon mess call bugle. Exceptions will be weekends and holidays when the FROC will run the silent test that is currently used.

Center offers resume class

The three-hour Army Resume Builder class offered by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has proven to be very popular. Those interested in improving their knowledge of the Army's Resume Builder and improving their Army resume can sign up for the class by calling the CPAC at 239-6004 or by visiting Building 319 during regular business hours.

The next class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 19.

IACH changes shots policy

In accordance with federal laws and hospital accreditation organizations, Irwin Army Community Hospital requires its pharmacists to review medications for duplication, appropriate use, contraindications, drug interactions, etc., before administration of Depo Provera and Vitamin B-12 (cyanocobalamin) shots.

Effective immediately patients are required to obtain their Depo-Provera and Vitamin B-12 shots from Outpatient Pharmacy and take the medication to the Immunization or OB/GYN Clinic for the shot to be administered. This ensures all safety steps have been taken by provider, pharmacist and nurse before administration.

This ensures no patient inadvertently receives a medication that is no longer indicated due to a variety of individual patient scenarios.

Old oil, antifreeze must go to center

Post residents are reminded to place used motor oil and antifreeze in proper containers and take them to the Automotive Skills Center, 7753 Apenines Dr. on Custer Hill, or the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Environmental Waste Management Center in Building 1945, Camp Funston. It is illegal to throw used oil and antifreeze into refuse dumpsters or pour them down storm drains.

For more information, call the Automotive Skills Center at 239-9764 or 239-4028, the waste facility at 239-6797 or Jill Dalton at 239-2385.

Troop clinic offers services

Behavioral health services are now available at the Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic. Any active duty Soldier can speak with a credentialed social worker in the clinic from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary; services are provided on a walk-in basis.

Soldiers can visit the clinic specifically for behavioral health services or can be seen in conjunction with a medical appointment. Issues such as sleep disturbance, family stress, grief/loss, combat stress and anger management can all be addressed.

For more information, call the CTCM at 239-4411.

Civilians must attend training

All civilian employees are required to receive anti-terrorism awareness training on an annual basis. Initial training must be conducted in person with a trained anti-terrorism Officer. Refresher training can be fulfilled by attending a session with a certified AT trainer or on-line at www.at-awareness.org (log-in "aware").

Anti-terrorism training is conducted at 9 a.m. every Thursday in the Patton Hall auditorium, 200 Henry Avenue. The training is scheduled to run until 10:30 a.m. and is conducted as part of the in-processing for new and mobilizing Soldiers. Contact Capt. Rob Ruskiewicz, at 239-6044 Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon to verify seating availability.

IACH offers support group

Irwin Army Community Hospital recognizes that the loss of an infant is a life-changing event for parents and has begun to incorporate the Resource Through Sharing Bereavement Services into its range of services.

The Perinatal Loss Support Group is open to parents whose lives have been touched by the death of a baby from conception to shortly after birth. The goal of the group is to provide services to families who impart on the long and difficult road to recovery in dealing with the loss of their child.

Facilitated by social workers, registered nurses and chaplains, the group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month in the Education Professional Development Division classroom on the fourth floor of the hospital.

For more information, call Elizabeth Gray at 239-7681.

Weeks replaces McPhee

Staff report

Col. David L. Weeks became the assistant division commander (Forward), 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and the deputy commanding officer (South), 1st United States Army, Fort Jackson, S.C. July 6.

He took over from Brig. Gen. Richard R. McPhee.

Weeks served as the deputy brigade commander, 1st Brigade, 87th Division (Training Support) and as commander, 2nd Simulation Exercise Group, Birmingham, Ala., before coming to Fort Jackson.

McPhee leaves Fort Jackson to become Director for Operations, Joint Operations, Alpha Forces Command-Naples Deployable Joint Task Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Responses Force, Naples Italy.

McPhee was a former chief of staff at Fort Riley.

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States Military Academy at West Point.

He first served as platoon leader and executive officer of Company B, 34th Engineer Battalion at Fort Riley.

Staab later returned to Fort Riley as commander of the 70th Engineer Battalion.

Staab returns to the post after serving as commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Europe District, in Wiesbaden, Germany. "Lee knows the business of Soldiering... of building combat readiness," Hardy said as he introduced Staab.

"I'm so excited to be back in Kansas; to return to our home state," Staab said. "We now stand ready to serve."



From left: Spec. Valencio of HHC, 1st BCT; and Staff Sgt. Brian Robins and Spec. John Jayme of HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, cut a cake following the July 29 ceremony. Post/Blackmon

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was wondering if I was able to stay there or if I was going back home. When I knew I wasn't going to be there with my buddies, it hurt a little bit, because I've been with them for three years and I didn't want to leave them."

Jayme said doctors have told him due to his injuries, he will not be returning to Iraq.

"But if they gave me a chance to go back, I would go back," he said.

Valencia received his Purple Heart while providing security for a convoy from Camp Ar Ramadi to Camp Anaconda March 29, 2004 while he was a member of the 1st Engineer Battalion. The convoy came under massive fire near Fallujah. Valencia received a bullet wound to the left shoulder while engaging the enemy.

"I saw so many people, I thought it was the first bullet of many to come, I was scared," Valencia said. "I was back in combat the next day; actually the same day. I didn't really get any rest."

Valencia's award came some 16 months after his injury. The brigade is scheduled to return to Iraq for a second tour, and Valencia says he will more than likely return to combat.

"I really don't want to, but I know I have to go back, so I already have my mind set to go back," he said.

Sgt. Maverick Boggs of the 915th Transportation Company,



Post/Perrin

Brig. Gen. Rita Broadway pins the Purple Heart on Sgt. Maverick Boggs, of the 915th Trans. Co., U.S. Army Reserves, at a ceremony Aug. 1.

United States Army Reserve, received his second Purple Heart from Brig. Gen. Rita Broadway, deputy commander of the 89th Regional Readiness Command.

"The two words 'thank you' hardly seem enough for the sacrifice and dedication you have shown over the last year," Broadway said. "You truly have demonstrated the warrior ethos of duty, selfless service and tenacity."

A Kansas native, Boggs received his first Purple Heart in 2003 following his first deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Boggs was injured when an IED exploded next to the armored vehicle he was driving.

Boggs received his second Purple Heart during his second tour of Iraq. He received shrapnel above his left eye following an IED attack. Pieces of shrapnel were left in his forehead because the doctors feared they would cause more damage while they tried to retrieve the shrapnel, Boggs said.

"Each one is different...I'd say (the second Purple Heart) was more violent than the first one," Boggs said. "Each one you don't want it, but it happens."

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DoD seeks more businesses with service-disabled vets

By Donna Miles
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Veterans with service-related disabilities looking for business opportunities need look no farther than the U.S. government — and more specifically, the Defense Department.

DoD, the federal government's biggest buyer of goods and services, is working to dramatically boost the contracts it awards to small businesses owned by service-disabled veterans, according to the defense secretary's chief advocate for small business affairs.

DoD currently awards about \$500 million in contracts every year to businesses owned and operated by veterans with service-related disabilities, Frank Ramos said July 8. But the goal is to increase that amount more than tenfold — to \$6 billion — within the next five years, he said.

That would bring the Defense Department in line with a law that requires all federal agencies to award at least 3 percent of their procurement dollars to small business owned and operated by service-disabled veterans. President

Bush issued a presidential executive order in October 2004 requiring all agencies to develop a strategic plan to put the legislation into effect.

Boosting contracting opportunities for service-disabled veterans reflects the nation's recognition of their service and sacrifices, Ramos said.

It benefits the Defense Department, as well, by tapping into the expertise veterans with hands-on experience with the latest military equipment and systems and an understanding of the military's needs. "There's a tremendous training ground in experience base that they bring to the table," Ramos said.

In addition, many of these veterans already possess the security clearances required to bid on some military contracts, he said.

To help get the word out to service-disabled veterans about business opportunities with the Defense Department, the DoD Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization is conducting an extensive outreach and education program.

They've teamed up with the Small Business Administration and launched a Web site to help

educate service-disabled veteran-owned businesses about government contracting and subcontracting opportunities. In addition, they're encouraging business owners to join the Central Contractor Registry, used to award DoD contracts and subcontracts.

Service-disabled veterans, particularly those new to the business community or thinking of starting their own businesses, need to understand what the processes and requirements are when contracting or subcontracting with the federal government, Ramos said.

The first National Veterans Small Business Conference, in June, helped get the word out about business opportunities in DoD to more than 700 attendees. Most of them were service-disabled veterans who own small businesses.

While emphasizing DoD's interest in awarding more contracts to service-disabled veterans, Ramos stressed that "there's no guarantee that just because you're a disabled veteran, that you'll get a contract."

Whether they're bidding on a contract to build a roadway, refurbish a building, provide computer consulting or deliver another ser-

vice or product, they have to be able to meet a specific need in a professional manner, Ramos said. "You must bring forward a solution and some competency to it," he said. "Whatever you produce for the department must be the best. There is no room for mediocrity."

That standard is critical, because America's warfighters rely on the products and services contractors deliver to the department. "And if it fails, it could be catastrophic," Ramos said. "So we want the best of the best."

Ramos encourages service-disabled veterans interested in contracting with the Defense Department to evaluate the department's needs and come forward with concrete ways to meet them. "They need to come in and say, 'What solutions can I provide the Department of Defense? What can I bring to the table?'" Ramos said.

For those interested in sharing their skills and expertise, Ramos predicts big opportunities ahead.

More information is posted on the Small Business Administration and DoD Office of Small Business Web sites.

Retirees honored at ceremonies

Staff report

Eight Soldiers and one civilian were recognized for their service at a ceremony July 27. Nineteen Soldiers and two civilians were recognized for their service at a ceremony June 29.

The July retirees were:

- 1st Sgt. Calvin B. Smith, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 24 years

- 1st Sgt. Michael J. Buse, 1st Maintenance Company, 541st Maintenance Battalion, 20 years

- Master Sgt. Stanley R. Pearson, HHC, 937th Engineer Group, 23 years

- Sgt. 1st Class Thomas M. Desjardins, 523rd Military Police Detachment, 924th Military Police Battalion, 20 years

- Sgt. 1st Class William H. Jones, Jr., HHC, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), 20 years

- Staff Sgt. Edward M. McKendry, United States Army Garrison, 20 years

- Sgt. Gilbert Leos, Jr., HHC, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, 20 years

- Sgt. Gregory Murray, Company A, 125th Forward Support Battalion, 20 years

- Dean Genschorck, Directorate of Information Management, 26 years

The June retirees were:

- 1st Sgt. Timothy H. Legett, ROTC, University of South Dakota, 26 years

- 1st Sgt. Jeffrey A. Sampson, 977th Military Police Company, 924th MP Bn., 26 years

- Master Sgt. Luther F. Murray, HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 25 years

- Sgt. 1st Class Glenville A. D. Thompson, 172nd Chemical Company, 541st Maint. Bn., 24 years

- Sgt. 1st Class Roy A. Daw-

son, HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 23 years

- Sgt. 1st Class Joseph P. Zenyuk, HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 22 years

- Sgt. 1st Class James C. Weaver Jr., 568th Combat Support, Equipment Company, 541st Maint. Bn., 20 years

- Sgt. 1st Class Rondal H. Lang, HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 20 years

- Sgt. 1st Class James P. Sullivan III, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion 5th Field Artillery, 24 years

- Sgt. 1st Class Tony J. Espinosa, 541st Maint. Bn., 21 years

- Sgt. 1st Class Gary J. Johnston, 82nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 541st Maint. Bn., 21 years

- Staff Sgt. Kenneth A. Tinsley, 523rd Military Police Detachment, 924th MP Bn., 21 years

- Staff Sgt. Michael A. Derby, HHC, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 21 years

- Staff Sgt. Coy M. McMillan, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 541st Maint. Bn., 20 years

- Staff Sgt. Gary B. Townsend, HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 20 years

- Staff Sgt. David P. Vilcot, HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 20 years

- Staff Sgt. Michael J. Kelly, HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 20 years

- Sgt. Jerry L. Cockrell, 1st Maint. Co., 541st Maint. Bn., 20 years

- Sgt. Raymond K. Davis, HHC, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 20 years

- Anne Brumm, Southwest Civilian Personnel Operations Center, 33 years

- George Eads, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, 31 years

Army Reserve launches new Web site

By Margaret McKenzie
Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Army Reserve launched a new Web site recently to connect deployed Soldiers with their loved ones and deliver family support services.

The Army Reserve Family Programs portal at www.arfp.org is accessible from any computer with internet access. The site is linked by drop-down menus at www.MyArmyLifeToo.com, an official site for family members.

"The combined information and links are the most comprehen-

sive resources ever assembled by the Army for families," said Vicki Brown, Army Family Enrichment Division Family Programs chief at Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

The Web site introduces Soldiers, families, friends, employers, and volunteers who support the Army Reserve to news about military life. Related links provide information about Army Reserve Family Programs, MilitaryOneSource, myPay, TRICARE, Army Knowledge Online, Army Family Team Building programs and other resources.

"There are several services available to Army Reserve family

members when loved ones are deployed," Brown said. "Getting accurate information is important to families and helps Soldiers concentrate on the mission."

"Soldiers and their families have many questions when faced with deployment," said C.R. Lee Ratliff, Army Reserve Family Programs Office director. "Families continue to have questions and needs after a Soldier is deployed."

According to Ratliff, empowering families to access information and services through easy to use Web sites is an important element that allows Soldiers to focus on their mission.

Brown said the Army Reserve recognizes that families, friends and employers are a critical component of Soldier readiness.

"In today's environment of multiple Web sites and information overload, we want families to know they can always trust those sites to keep them connected and informed," Brown said.

The Web site, MyArmyLifeToo.com became accessible in February, and provides a single source of accurate, up-to-date articles and information on a variety of family related topics.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What would you consider to be a worthy subject for a post monument?



"It would have to be to the valor of the troops."

Spec. Steven Ratcliffe
Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor
Unit driver
Home: Sacramento, Ca.



"I'd put it over in the round-about (by the Post Exchange) ... an ambulance, because that's pretty much considered 'Accident Alley.' ... Maybe even a horse on a stretcher."

Spec. James Paris
1st Bn., 5th FA
Fuel handler
Home: San Diego



"It's great that we honor the Soldiers of the past, but it's also time to make a memorial for all the Soldiers that have also been deployed from Iraq ... for the soldiers who have died, who are POWs and those who have come back and served as veterans."

Spec. Jason Hornbaker
Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.
Training Room NCO
Home: Leavenworth, Kan.



"I'd like to see something dedicated to the Korean War vets. I don't think they get nearly enough recognition for what they did, what they went through."

Spec. Alex Grazer
HHC, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.
Support Pltn.
Home: Baria, Ohio



"A memorial for our fallen troops returning from Iraq."

Sgt. Mathew Hardy
795th Adjutant Gen. Co.,
Postal Service Pl.
Admin. specialist, postal clerk
Home: Bloomington, Ill.

Next week's question:

What was your favorite or least favorite thing about returning to school after summer vacation?

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Spec. Ronnie Adkins

HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor

I would like to shine light on one of the difficulties single Soldiers face because of the way military entitlements are dispersed in reference to dining facilities on Fort Riley.

Frequently changing hours at dining facilities, the closing of some dining facilities on weekends, missed meals by single Soldiers for various reasons and the Soldiers' simple desire to be social and dine out occasionally take money from single Soldiers' pockets.

The current system needs an overhaul!

Single and married Soldiers are entitled to having the military compensate them in one way or another for their meals.

Married Soldiers receive a food allowance that is added to their paychecks monthly. Single Soldiers are provided no monetary benefit but eat free meals provided by any of the dining facilities on post. Single Soldiers must pay

for their meals anytime they are unable to make it to the dining facilities at the designated times.

Single Soldiers miss meals for many reasons.

First, meal hours change frequently and sometimes without notice. Even if meal times are consistent, single Soldiers must remember three different schedules.

One schedule applies Monday through Thursday, another on Friday and a third for weekends.

Taking into account breakfast, lunch and dinner for three different schedules leaves Soldiers with nine different meal times to remember, not to mention the fact that different dining facilities operate at different times.

That means a Soldier forced to use a dining facility he is unaccustomed to because his facility closed for the weekend may show up for dinner at his normal time of 6:15 p.m. only to find out that 6 p.m. is the closing time for that facility. He then has a choice to pay for a meal at a restaurant or go hungry.

Married Soldiers can use their food allowance to eat at whatever time is convenient for them. On training and national holiday weekends, some chow halls close, leaving long distances to walk for Soldiers without a means of transportation.

This usually prompts a phone call to the local pizza delivery man and the single Soldier's wallet opening again.

On occasion, single Soldiers, like everyone else, have to be at certain places at certain times for various reasons. This leads to them not making it to the chow hall during the designated hours.

Everyone likes to dine out occasionally. Single Soldiers are no different, yet they must pay for it out of their pocket while married Soldiers have a food allowance to help cover the tab.

So what can be done to balance the system?

Why not give single Soldiers a monthly food allowance and let them pay for their meals at the chow hall when they can make it there?

I have heard some people say that some single Soldiers right out

of high school are not ready to manage their money. Circumstances could arise where they would have no money to buy food. This may be true in some instances.

When single Soldiers eat at the dining facility, they provide their meal card, which guarantees them free dining.

The number is logged into the computer to be tracked. During a 30-day month, Soldiers are entitled to 90 meals. The sum of these meals, if paid for, would be around \$275.

I propose reimbursing single Soldiers for the meals they do not eat at the chow hall. For instance, at the end of the month, if a Soldier ate 45 of his 90 meals at the dining facility, pay him for the 45 meals he did not eat. In this case, that would be around \$140.

This would help single Soldiers cover the costs of meals they missed. Additionally, no Soldier would go hungry, and single Soldiers would not feel disadvantaged when compared to married Soldiers.

War in Iraq Engineers lend a helping hand

By Randal E. Miller

2nd Lt., U.S. Army

Members of the 2nd Platoon, Company A, 70th Engineer Battalion, have been busy working to make the lives of those they touch in Taji, Iraq, better. They are responsible for the security of the main route that runs from Baghdad on the north to Mosul.

On this route, they find numerous improvised explosive devices and react to small arms fire and attacks to prevent damage to other Coalition forces and emerging Iraqi security. They also, however, take on a different role as caretaker.

Members of the 2nd Pltn. have become friends with several Mushada townspeople who have grown to know and love us. The platoon has adopted a small boy who lives near the Mushada school. He has a rare skin disease spreading over his leg.

They have coordinated for several doctors to see the boy in an attempt to diagnose the problem. They are seeking a way to have the child taken to a Baghdad hospital to have much needed surgery to hopefully remove and cure the disease. Only time will tell how successful we are.

A similar project involves an

elderly man who has a skin disease on the right side of his head. He also is being scheduled for a surgery in Baghdad in order to save the remaining healthy skin on his head.

Other projects the platoon is responsible for are security and the facilitation of Mushada's town meeting.

Platoon members hope that by promoting democracy and coordinating projects aimed at rebuilding the town's public facilities they will ensure the public has better health care and education facilities and the population will gain faith in the system and thus turn out in record numbers to vote.

The Soldiers have spoken with numerous citizens who voted in the last election. Most Sunni groups did not vote.

However, this time, all the Sunnis they have spoken to stated that they will vote and have their voices heard.

Just speaking with the locals, the Soldiers can see that the Mushada residents are starting to truly believe in the freedoms they have been granted.

They can already see a difference in attitudes from taking things as they are to striving for better lives.

Grunt By Wayne Uhden



My Soldier, My Hero

Do you have a Soldier's story to share? E-mail your comments, along with a photo of your Soldier, to april.blackmon@riley.army.mil. Due to space, please limit your comments to 110 words or less.

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My Soldier My Hero



Sgt. Paul Smith
1st Bn., 13th Armor

My hero's name is Sgt. Paul Smith; he is my husband.

This is his fourth time over there in the span of his career.

I know it is hard on him, but he puts his job first and off he goes.

But he is there in our minds and hearts.

They now get internet in their rooms — what a blessing that has been for them and us. It makes the time go a little faster.

I love my hero and can't wait to see him.

You're the best, baby, I love you forever and ever.

- Kim Smith

My Soldier My Hero



1st Lt. Seth Langston
Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.

Seth had goals ahead of him, as a young high school graduate who was top 10 in his class.

Seth went to West Point in June 1999 as a tall 6'4", 225 lb. Californian, looking for great leadership experience and an opportunity to play football for the Army.

Seth graduated in 2003 and is now fulfilling the other goal of leading the best Soldiers in the world into combat and fight in the war against terrorism. He is definitely making an impact on the Iraqi society and the global community. I am proud of Seth and all that he has accomplished.

He is my boyfriend, my Soldier and my hero.

- Lisa Pair, with help from
1st Lt. Mike Hastings



Sgt. Kip Cochran, a gunner with HHC, 1st Bn., 156th Armor Regt., 256th BCT, sits in the turret of his up-armored "Humvee" in the new Cooper Sling seat. The seat is more comfortable, more durable and ultimately safer for gunners. Photo by Robicheaux

'Humvee' gunners get comfy

By Erin Robicheaux
Special to AFPS

CAMP TIGERLAND, Iraq — When Army Sgt. Kip Allen Cochran, a gunner, went online to research a commercially available sling, he had no idea how his curiosity would ultimately benefit his fellow Soldiers.

"We were running missions in duration of anywhere from eight to 24 hours, and when you sit on a skinny little strap for that long, things start to get tired and numb," said the Soldiers assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, 256th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

Cochran saw a newspaper arti-

cle about a new type of sling, one that is more durable, safer and much more comfortable than the slings he and his peers used. The seats used by gunners of the 256th BCT, and all units throughout the Army, are no wider than a seatbelt. Another one, made of black mesh, is a little bit thicker, but Cochran said, after a week or two, it bunches up so badly the Soldier is back to sitting on a thin strap.

To make the deployment more comfortable as a gunner, Cochran e-mailed his family about the new equipment in hopes they may be able to purchase one for him. His father discovered each sling costs \$360, so Cochran gave up on the idea. His family didn't.

"My father called Capt. (Ronald) Culver's wife, Tracy, to

find out if the Family Readiness Group possibly had the funds to purchase a few for the unit," Cochran said.

Culver is Cochran's company commander. He said the readiness group didn't have that kind of money, but the company he works for full-time in civilian life did.

"The president of the company told me they'd buy 10 seats for my Soldiers," said Culver, who works for AmerCable Inc.

The Cooper Sling, invented by Kyle Greenwood of College Station, Texas, is made of seven-inch-wide saddle leather, much more durable than the mesh material of the previous gunner seats. The thicker, wider material is more comfortable for troops, Cochran said. "With the old slings, some-

times I would get up and my whole lower body would be asleep, but not with these," he said.

Cochran said comfort levels can affect concentration on what is going on around him. "The discomfort of being a gunner is added stress," he said. "If I could be a dismount every day, I would."

"The gunner is up there in the heat, up in the sun and exposed to anyone who wants to take a shot," he added. "We get all of the dust in our faces, and it's just no fun. The last thing you want is to add more discomfort, like sitting on something that feels like a thong bikini."

The sling also comes with a safety belt that attaches to the harness on each side of the gunner to prevent him from being thrown from the vehicle in an accident.

Virtual convoy, IED training helps Soldiers worldwide

By Monica Barrera
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has fielded 125 simulation trainers for the detection of improvised explosive devices and to teach other advanced skills needed for tactical convoys in Iraq and Afghanistan.

These training devices include virtual theaters, simulators, and mobile objects devised by the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation.

Dr. Jim Blake, Program Executive Officer for STRI said understanding the requirements and capabilities wanted from Soldiers is what will optimize the effectiveness of the training and equipment.

"Now with the expeditionary capability, there is going to be a desire to move these things very rapidly, just like you move the force," he said.

STRI is now producing the next 600 simulators after receiving feedback from Soldiers. There are

200,000 to 250,000 troops participating in the training or involved in training fellow Soldiers on the current 125 located from Fort Bragg, N.C., to Afghanistan.

IED simulators provide an asymmetric environment, said Blake. "There is this complexity you have to deal with," he said. "...to prosecute the war on many fronts."

The leading cause of casualties in Iraq is IEDs. The simulations training will help Soldiers identify, handle, and dispose of the explosives safely, Blake said.

The training has been well received by Soldiers worldwide. "There are different ways in which you can detonate them and configure them because it's hands-on," explained Blake. "[Soldiers] can gain an understanding of how our adversary may construct one and how one might be hidden." The training also lets the Soldiers know when an explosion occurred, but they do not get injured.

Soldiers are immersed into a virtual environment when training

on the Virtual Combat Convoy Trainer.

"The training scenarios immerse Soldiers into a variety of real-life situations," states a report by Sara Delk-Tierney at the Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training, and Support Center, which works with PEO STRI. "...Thus providing the Soldier and convoy leaders with the skills necessary to save lives."

Basic VCCT training includes mission rehearsals, convoy handling, as well as recognition of IEDs.

Currently, there are more than 318,964 training devices for Soldiers at 414 worldwide stations and 20 foreign countries ranging from Camp Shelby, Miss. to Baghdad, Iraq. PEO STRI, located in Orlando, Fla., is a partnership between with the Kennedy Space Center, National Center for Simulation, among others.

"The Acquisition community is leaning forward to help the Soldiers," said Blake. "If there's a way to get it there, we'll get it there."



Barracks knocked down

Construction crews tear down a barracks building on Custer Hill in late July to make room for new barracks. Post/Blackman

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Motorcycle classes offered

The Installation Safety Office has scheduled Basic Rider Motorcycle and Experienced Motorcycle courses.

The Basic Rider Course is designed for persons with limited or no experience riding a motorcycle.

Motorcycles and helmets are provided.

The Experienced Rider's Course is designed for individuals who are skilled at motorcycle riding, possess a safe operating motorcycle and have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license.

Attendees must bring a safe operating motorcycle and their driver's license with the motorcycle endorsement.

Scheduled dates for the Basic Rider Course are Aug. 13-14, Aug. 27-28, Sept. 17-18 and Oct. 1-2.

Scheduled dates for the Experienced Rider Course are Aug. 12 and 26; and Sept. 16 and 30.

For more information, contact a unit schools noncommissioned officer, or call 239-2334.



Lines of 1st Bde.'s "Humvees" and other tactical vehicles wait in the parking lot to be loaded onto rail cars, secured and shipped out to JRTC at Fort Polk, La.

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Rail load

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grouped by unit in front of the loading docks. Each unit loaded lines of "Humvees," trucks and other heavy equipment at a time to slowly fill the 10 rail lines.

Rail lines were composed of 19 individual rail cars, or spanners. Safety personnel ensured vehicle wheels fit into the security clamps and depressions in the spanner floors.

Next, unit drivers and contracted civilians maneuvered the vehicles onto the spanners. Contracted civilians then secured the vehicles to the spanners with heavy chains. Shiplet oversaw the five battal-

ions that assisted in the loading process. The extra support provided by the contracted civilians helped shorten loading times significantly, Shiplet said.

"I'm so thankful for all the people who have been helping us," Shiplet said. "The DOL has been incredible with us." At least 50 contracted civilians turned a week-long operation into a three-day job, she said.

The contracted civilians primarily reduced the effort on the Soldiers and allowed the Soldiers to focus on other tasks and rest up for their large movement in a few

days," Young said.

Deployments of entire brigades require at least 150 Soldiers and personnel to be available for additional tasks besides the rail work, Young said.

"They're just all great Americans ... and they're definitely doing a great service to their country," Young said.

It took about 1 1-2 hours to fully load each rail line, Young said.

An additional two hours was spent securing each vehicle to the rail cars.



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The 1st BCT loaded nearly 1,000 vehicles in just three days with the help of Soldiers and contracted civilians.

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Post news in brief

Irwin offers eye appointments

Military family members and military retirees can schedule optometry appointments at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

To schedule an appointment, call 239-DOCS of (888) 239-3627.

Environmental classes offered

The Environmental Division, DPW has scheduled the following training courses:

Environmental Team Training: Environmental Team training certifies environmental team leaders and members in how to handle hazardous materials and waste handling as well as spill responses at the unit level. Leaders and team members must attend this course within 60 days of appointment to their duties. For information or to enroll in this class, call 239-0446 or check with your battalion schools noncommissioned officer.

Environmental Team Training Refresher: This course is an annual refresher to the Environmental Team training course. Class starts at 9 a.m. Aug. 16, in Room 6, Building 407. The class lasts 2 ½ hours. For information or to enroll in this class, call 239-0446 or check with your battalion schools noncommissioned officer.

Battery Hazard Awareness Training (Code Name Lithium): Code Name Lithium course is designed for key personnel who in their course of duty receive, store, issue and then transport lithium batteries for disposal.

This course includes training on the characteristics and hazards associated with the various types of lithium batteries used on Fort Riley.

This course also includes training on health, safety and personal protective equipment when handling lithium batteries.

Class starts at 10 a.m. every Wednesday of each month in Building 1930 at Camp Funston. This class lasts one hour.

For information or to enroll in a class, call 239-0446 or check with the battalion's schools noncommissioned officer.

Correction

The Fort Riley Post regrets having printed an error in the last week's paper.

Staff Sgt. Gary Ream's wife was misidentified in the page 3 story about Soldiers being inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. She should have been identified as Melissa.

New unit integrates with 'Bulldogs'



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Capt. William H. Tuttle IV, commander of Co. D, 3rd Bn., 172nd Inf. Regt., Rhode Island National Guard, communicates with his Soldiers during an operation on July 16 near Taji, Iraq.

By Matthew Wester
100th MPAD

TAJI, Iraq – Rhode Island never gets this hot.

For Soldiers of Company D, 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Regiment, Rhode Island Army National Guard, the Iraqi heat has been a challenge, but integrating with other units has gone smoothly.

The infantry company is attached to 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery Regiment, 48th Brigade, Georgia National Guard, which is supporting 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division here.

"Three quarters of my unit are prior active-duty Soldiers, so they seamlessly transitioned to what they once were," said Capt. William H. Tuttle IV, Co. D commander from Warwick, R.I. "I have not seen any difficulties in working with an active duty component at all. They're very professional, and so are we."

The 1st Bn., 118th FA took over responsibility for a part of 3rd Bde's area of operations previously patrolled by 1st Squadron, 11th



Armored Cavalry Regiment.

"Working with (3rd Bde.), they brought us in like family," said Lt. Col. Don B. Beard, a Humboldt, Tenn., native and battalion commander. "They support us like we're just another unit."

All the combat units in 3rd Bde. are working side-by-side with the Iraqi Army, and 1st Bn., 118th FA is no different.

"I typically perform joint operations with the Iraqi Army every time I go out," Tuttle said.

During a cordon and search mission near Taji on July 16, the battalion's Co. B and Co. D teamed up with Co. C, 1st Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 6th Division, Iraqi Army to search for and detain suspected terrorists.

"The purpose of the mission was to locate bad guys in two dif-

ferent locations," Beard said.

Tuttle said the mission was for two different elements to search two target houses simultaneously and detain the suspected terrorists who were hiding there.

Before dawn, the American and Iraqi Soldiers rolled into the target area, secured entry and exit roads and searched the objectives.

The troops worked together to search the houses thoroughly and gather information from local residents, all while keeping the cordon area secure.

Helicopters, providing air cover, alerted Tuttle that some of the suspects were fleeing through the palm grove behind Co. D's target house, and staying true to the teamwork ethos of the mission, he dispatched a combined team of Iraqi and Co. D troops to apprehend them.

After finishing with the houses, the Soldiers investigated a factory complex to make sure it wasn't being used to manufacture car bombs.

Tuttle said the mission was a success, netting a targeted suspect and valuable intelligence that will

help shape future operations. He was impressed with his Soldiers' performance and the way the Iraqi troops carried out their part of the mission as well.

"I have very professional Soldiers, who have never let me down. The Iraqi Army is right up there in their standards and professionalism," he said. "They have a willingness to us to help shape them into an army, who will hopefully take over and conduct these operations independently someday."

Beard agreed. "The Iraqis are very good once you get to the target. They know how to do cordon and searches," he said. "They are very good Soldiers. They pick up things quickly."

His Soldiers have also picked things up quickly, putting the training they received at Fort Stewart, Ga., to good use on real-life missions in Iraq, and fitting in with their active-duty comrades and Iraqi Army partners.

"We really are an 'Army of one,'" Tuttle said. "Soldiers are Soldiers."

Captain helps deliver baby

By Jacob Caldwell
Army News Service

LASHKAR GAH, Afghanistan

—An Army family practice physician touring a civilian hospital got a surprise — went to work and helped deliver a premature baby.

During her first visit to the Lashkar Gah's Hospital labor and delivery ward, Capt. Jacqueline Naylor observed a woman in the waiting area. She didn't appear to be pregnant but her actions prompted immediate medical attention.

Naylor, assigned to Company C, 173rd Support Battalion (Airborne), asked to examine the woman after feeling her stomach and determining that she was about 32 weeks pregnant.

"All I could think about was that it would not be a good outcome for the baby if it was premature," Naylor said.

During the exam, she noticed the baby was in a breech position and asked the mid-wife if breech babies were delivered at the hospital.

The mid-wife said no. Naylor realized the urgency of

the situation when she discovered the baby's feet were already protruding. The baby had to be delivered immediately, she decided.

"The baby was purple and the cord was prolapsed, which means the cord was also coming and that the baby is basically dead," Naylor said.

Naylor said the woman appeared disturbed by the male doctor's presence, so she offered to deliver the baby. The doctor insisted he do it.

"He yanked the baby out by the feet and the head got stuck, which usually happens during a breech delivery," Naylor said.

She warned the medics that the baby might be stillborn because it is a common occurrence in such cases.

The medics consequently concentrated on the mother and laid the baby down.

"That's when I noticed that the baby looked at me and kind of rolled its eyes," she said. "I yelled, 'oh my goodness, that baby is alive.'"

While putting on gloves, she ran to the baby. She saw a suction machine and cranked it with her

foot while putting the suction tube down the baby's throat to stimulate its breathing.

"As soon as I did that, it started to cry; and after putting the baby, it started to turn pink," she said.

The purpose of Naylor's visit to the hospital was to review all of the projects that had been instituted by the Provincial Reconstruction Team, she said.

Before helping deliver the baby, Naylor had watched another baby being born at the hospital to observe how the midwives manage patients in labor.

"I was impressed (with) how well they managed the baby," she said.

"Even though they don't have an incubator, they wrap the baby in decorative clothing and give it to the mom. I thought that was pretty cute."



Capt. Jacqueline Naylor, a family practice physician from the 173rd Support Bn., holds a premature baby she helped deliver at a hospital in Lashkar Gah, Afghanistan.
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Citizens help troops capture suspects, take down safehouse

Coalition forces in Iraq arrested 10 suspected terrorists during a raid in western Ramadi Aug. 3 after Iraqi citizens pointed out a safehouse where the suspects were hiding and storing weapons. The military said a local Iraqi citizen confirmed the building was being used as a terrorist safehouse.

When coalition forces approached the building, several suspects fled, officials said. Six of them were immediately detained, and four others were captured hiding inside a nearby Mosque after Iraqi citizens alerted coalition forces to their whereabouts.

Meanwhile, a male who lived at the house told coalition forces the suspected terrorists were storing explosives inside, where his two small children remained.

Coalition forces immediately rescued the children, and then destroyed the safehouse using attack helicopters. Secondary explosions were seen in the blast, officials said.

The military said a search of the destroyed building afterward turned up improvised explosive devices and other weapons.

Troops capture al Qaeda terror cell leader during operations

U.S. troops captured al Qaeda terror cell leader Ammar Abu Bara, alias Amar Hussein Hasan, during a July 27 cordon-and-search operation in Mosul, Iraq's third largest city, U.S military officials reported July 29.

Bara, reportedly one of terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's most trusted operations agents in Iraq, was arrested by troops of the Army's 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team.) and Iraqi army Soldiers. Bara replaced Abu Talha, former terror cell leader for the Mosul area, following his capture in early June.

Officials said a number of al Qaeda terrorist leaders have been captured in recent months in northern Iraq, leading to a more secure environment in the region. These captures have led to the systematic dismantling of the al Qaeda network in Mosul, military officials said.

Soldiers teach schoolteachers in Baghdad first aid techniques

Soldiers teach Iraqi schoolteachers in Baghdad first aid so they can treat injured students.

Soldiers from Company B, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment taught basic first aid to teachers of six different schools in the Karradah District at the request of the Neighborhood Council.

"The goal was to provide some basic first aid classes to the teachers and staff of this school so they could provide it to the children or others in the area who was hurt," said Capt. Daniel Green, 4th Bn., 64th Armor battalion surgeon.

The unit gave the schools aid bags that were tailored to the more common injuries a child might receive at school.

Army reimburses more than \$1 million to Iraq reconstruction

To provide fiscal reconstruction support in Iraq, the Army presented its first reimbursement payment July 25.

Maj. Gen. Daniel Long, director of the Iraq project and contracting office, presented Jasim M. Jaa'far, Iraqi minister of construction and housing, with a check for \$1,548,795 under an Army program to provide fiscal support for the reconstruction of select Iraq infrastructure.

The agreement allows the Iraqi minister of construction and housing to hire contractors and manage the projects themselves. No U.S. contractors are on site.

This agreement realized a 34 percent savings over traditional U.S. contracts. The money will be used to build key bridges and roadways. Programs such as this are central to the reconstruction effort, and provide the first step in building a foundation for the transfer of control of completed facilities to Iraqi management.

Military and Iraqi police conduct joint-leadership seminar

Army and Iraqi police officers conducted the first joint leadership seminar at Baghdad Police Headquarters July 23.

Military Police from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42nd Military Police Brigade, and two dozen members of the Iraqi police force attended the seminar, titled "Police Leadership in an Insurgency Environment."

The seminar was designed to strengthen and enhance leadership, with a focus on leadership traits, principles, habits and challenges.

The leadership seminar was the first in a series to come that will continue to help the Iraqis strengthen and develop their security forces.

Editor's note: These news items were compiled from the Department of Defense's American Forces Press Service and Army News Service.

FSB runs 'Cobra' clinic in Taji

3rd Bde. medics trained for routine, ready for unexpected

By Matthew Wester

100th MPAD

TAJI, Iraq — "You never know what is going to roll up to the door," said Capt. Jacqueline L. Graul, brigade nurse for 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

Graul is part of the staff at "Cobra" Clinic, run by Company C, 125th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, which provides for the medical needs of Soldiers and civilians here.

The clinic has a very diverse mission.

The staff conducts morning and evening sick calls; supports explosive ordnance teams and provides medics at the battalion and company levels within the brigade, according to Capt. Michelle L. Auck, a physician's assistant for Co. C.

It provides all the services of a battalion aid station plus lab, dental, x-ray and trauma services, said Capt. Peter A. Ramos, commander of Co. C.

The clinic is equipped with a trauma room, which can be set up quickly to treat emergency cases, and examination rooms used for private patient consultation and routine medical examinations.

"The bulk of our mission has been sick call," he said. "We have had some trauma. Thankfully, it hasn't been much."

One trauma episode recently put the Soldiers at the clinic to the test, when they treated and stabilized three Soldiers injured in a bomb blast on the afternoon of July 8. The staff was training for the same kind of incident that morning.

The shift from everyday troop medical clinic duties to trauma care happened quickly as the medical providers put their training into action.

"It was an adrenaline rush," Auck said. "All the training came together, and everybody knew what they were doing."

"With everyday sick call it isn't as intense," said Sgt. 1st Class Delores A. Livingston, noncommissioned officer in charge at



100th MPAD/Wester

Sgt. Janice M. Brooks (left), a medic for Co. C, 125th FSB, instructs a group of medics on how to administer an IV at "Cobra" troop medical clinic at Camp Taji. The staff members of the clinic participate in training exercises regularly. One trauma episode recently put the Soldiers at the clinic to the test as they treated and stabilized three Soldiers injured in a bomb blast on the afternoon of July 8.

Cobra Clinic. "With trauma, we go head-to-toe with each patient. (The medics) didn't leave anything undone. Everybody double-checked everybody else."

When trauma cases come in, teams are assigned to deal with each patient. The members of the teams have specific responsibilities during treatment and stabilization.

"Everybody on the trauma team has a role and prepares in advance of the casualty" said Dr. (Maj.) Gregory Martin, clinic physician for Co. C.

Martin explained that one medic is in charge of giving the casualty oxygen and stabilizing the head, another cuts off clothing over wounds and looks for extremity injuries, and a third monitors vital signs, while the physician does an overall assessment of the patient.

Once the trauma teams go to work, they are all business.

"You don't get a second chance with a real casualty," said Graul, a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and the invasion of Iraq in 2003. "All your training is on the line."

"There is a change in mood in the clinic when multiple trauma cases come in," Martin said. "Everybody feels a little anxious, but we use that anxiety to help us focus."

That focus paid off for the wounded Soldiers on July 8. They were successfully treated, stabilized and sent to a medical facility in Balad for further treatment.

After the event, the staff gathered to reflect and review things they did well and highlight areas that needed to be improved.

Ramos said this meeting gave the medical practitioners a chance

to talk in detail about how to improve certain procedures and practices. It also gave everyone involved a forum to talk about how they felt about the experience.

"It helped us learn to work with each other," Auck said. "You can always learn from each one of these."

"I think the teams did wonderfully. You never know until mass casualties happen how people are going to react," Graul said. "It's a defining moment."

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Sports news in brief

CYS sponsors sports camps

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring volleyball and soccer camps in August.

Youth Soccer Camps run Aug. 8-12. The registration fee for kindergarten through third grade is \$25 and the camp will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Registration for fourth through eighth grade is \$30 and the camp will run from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. All participants must be registered with CYS and have paid the annual \$18 fee. Register at the Central Enrollment Registry, Building 6620, Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Youth Volleyball Camps are scheduled for Aug. 15-19. The registration fee for fifth and sixth grade is \$20 and the camp will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Registration for seventh and eighth grade is \$25 and the camp will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All participants must be registered with CYS and have paid the annual \$18 fee. Register at the Central Enrollment Registry, Building 6620, Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.

All participants must have a sports physical form on file at the time of registration. The form must clearly state that the child is medically sound to participate in sports. This form must be dated on or after Aug. 12, 2004. There are no exceptions to this policy. Stop by Central Registration to pick up the proper form.

For more information call Youth Sports at 239-9223 or Central Registration at 239-4847.

Outdoorsman meeting set

The Fort Riley Outdoorsman Organization and joint chapter of Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever will be having their monthly event from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Sportsman Acres Trap Range, 5120 West Highway K244 near Milford Lake. It is open to all outdoor enthusiasts. The cost to shoot a round of trap will be \$3.

A map will be available at the Conservation Office, Building 1020, for those who need directions to Sportsman Acres and there will be assistance for those first time shooters.

Swim lessons scheduled

Swimming lessons are available at the Custer Hill Outdoor Pool Aug. 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19. Cost is \$20 per child. For more information, call 239-9441.

Classes	Time
Level I	9:30-10 a.m. 4-4:30 p.m.
Level II	10-10:30 a.m. 4:30-5 p.m.
Level III	10:30-11 a.m. 5-5:30 p.m.
Level IV	5:30-6 p.m.

Family nights hosted at pools

Families can make a real splash and have lots of fun at the Custer Hill and Main Post pools' Family Fun Nights.

Family Fun Night costs \$5 per family and \$1 for each additional guest (passes not included).

Family Fun Nights will be: Aug. 5, 7 to 9 p.m. at Main Post Pool

Aug. 19, 8 to 10 p.m. at Custer Hill Pool

For more information, call 239-2813.

Tournament scores

Company-level tournament results

Game 1: 82nd Med Co. def. 15th Finance by forfeit
Game 2: 1st Maint. Co. def. 977th MP by forfeit
Game 3: Co. B, 101st FSB def. Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 11-3
Game 4: Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn. def. Btry. A, 1st Bn., 5th FA, 21-12
Game 5: 383rd Regt. def. Trp. D, 4th Cav., 19-16
Game 6: 523rd MP Co. def. 10th ASOS by forfeit
Game 7: 300th MP Co. def. 172nd Chem. Co., 14-9
Game 8: MEDDAC def. 82nd Med Co., 30-7
Game 9: Co. B, 101st FSB def. 1st Maint. Co., 18-16
Game 10: Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn. def. 383rd Regt., 17-8
Game 11: 300th MPs def. 523rd MPs, 9-5
Game 12: Trp. D, 4th Cav. def. 82nd Med Co., 13-12
Game 13: 1st Maint Co. def. 172nd Chem. Co., 16-8
Game 14: 383rd Regt. def. 15th Finance by forfeit

Game 15: Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf. def. 523rd MPs by forfeit
Game 16: MEDDAC def. Co. B, 101st FSB, 8-3
Game 17: Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn. def. 300th MPs, 9-7
Game 18: 1st Maint. def. Trp. D, 4th Cav., 17-9
Game 19: 383rd Regt. def. Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 26-12
Game 20: MEDDAC def. Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn., 16-4
Game 21: 1st Maint. def. 300th MPs, 5-2
Game 22: Co. B, 101st FSB def. 383rd Regt., 18-9
Game 23: Co. B, 101st FSB def. 1st Maint. Co., 6-5
Game 24: Co. B, 101st FSB def. Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn., 17-15
Game 25: MEDDAC def. FSB, 18-0

FSB takes battalion championships

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

After a disappointing ending the night before, the 101st Forward Support Battalion softball players arrived with their game faces on.

The battalion-level softball championship, plus or minus a few players, might have appeared like déjà-vu for spectators. For the second time in two days FSB battled MEDDAC to claim the bragging rights to battalion softball champions title. But this time, it was FSB that took the title with an 18-15 victory over MEDDAC July 28.

The FSB players might have been nervous that history was to repeat itself at the end of the first inning. MEDDAC took a 6-0 lead in the first following an out-of-the-park homerun by Kevin Joyce with bases loaded. FSB rallied at the top of the second inning, scoring two runs. The FSB defense kept the momentum flowing and caught three pop-flies to prevent the MEDDAC from scoring any runs at the bottom of the second.

FSB chalked up three more runs at the top of the third inning to come within one run of MEDDAC's 6-5 lead. An out at second and two caught pop-flies by FSB's defense kept MEDDAC from scoring for the second consecutive inning.

MEDDAC's defense answered back at the top of the fourth and held the FSB from scoring before an out at first sent them back onto the field. MEDDAC tallied another run at the bottom of the inning before FSB's Morgan Barnett tried to catch a pop-fly for the third out.

Barnett then grabbed his bat and slammed a triple at the opening of the fifth inning. The FSB placed one run on the scoreboard before MEDDAC's defense received their final out. MEDDAC received one run in the sixth inning when Gary "Gunner" Ream hit an out-of-the-park homerun, bringing MEDDAC's lead to 8-6.

Defensive mistakes by MEDDAC allowed the FSB's first batter to score a homerun at the top of the sixth and placed them within one run of MEDDAC. FSB then tallied two more runs and took the lead for the first time.

The FSB's 9-8 lead was short-lived, however. After receiving outs by MEDDAC's first two batters at the bottom of the sixth, FSB players might have thought they had the game in the bag. MEDDAC batters then began a rally that didn't conclude until they had batted through their complete line-up and taken a 14-9 lead.

The FSB team didn't let MEDDAC's strong offensive inning dampen their spirits. The players rallied during their last chance at bat and retook the lead, 18-14. MEDDAC scored a run at the bottom of the seventh but couldn't re-capture the lead to claim a second championship. FSB sealed its title as battalion-level softball champions with its 18-15 victory.

Battalion-level tournament results

Game 1: 101st FSB def. 924th MP, 24-1
Game 2: 101st FSB def. MEDDAC, 16-7
Game 3: MEDDAC def. 924th MP by forfeit
Game 4: 101st FSB def. MEDDAC, 18-15

FSB wins battalion tourney

MEDDAC seals company title

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

A season of friendly bantering and competitive match-ups came to an end July 27 at the Fort Riley Softball Complex.

Dedicated fans possibly guessed the championship game would place Company B, 101st Forward Support Battalion and Medical Department Activity face-to-face once again. However, they might have been surprised by the game's final score. MEDDAC sealed their title as company-level softball season championship when they crushed FSB, 18-0.

MEDDAC started its game off strong with a short top of the first inning. MEDDAC received three quick outs by the "visiting" FSB's first four batters to plate. MEDDAC then took the lead by scoring three runs in the bottom of the opening inning.

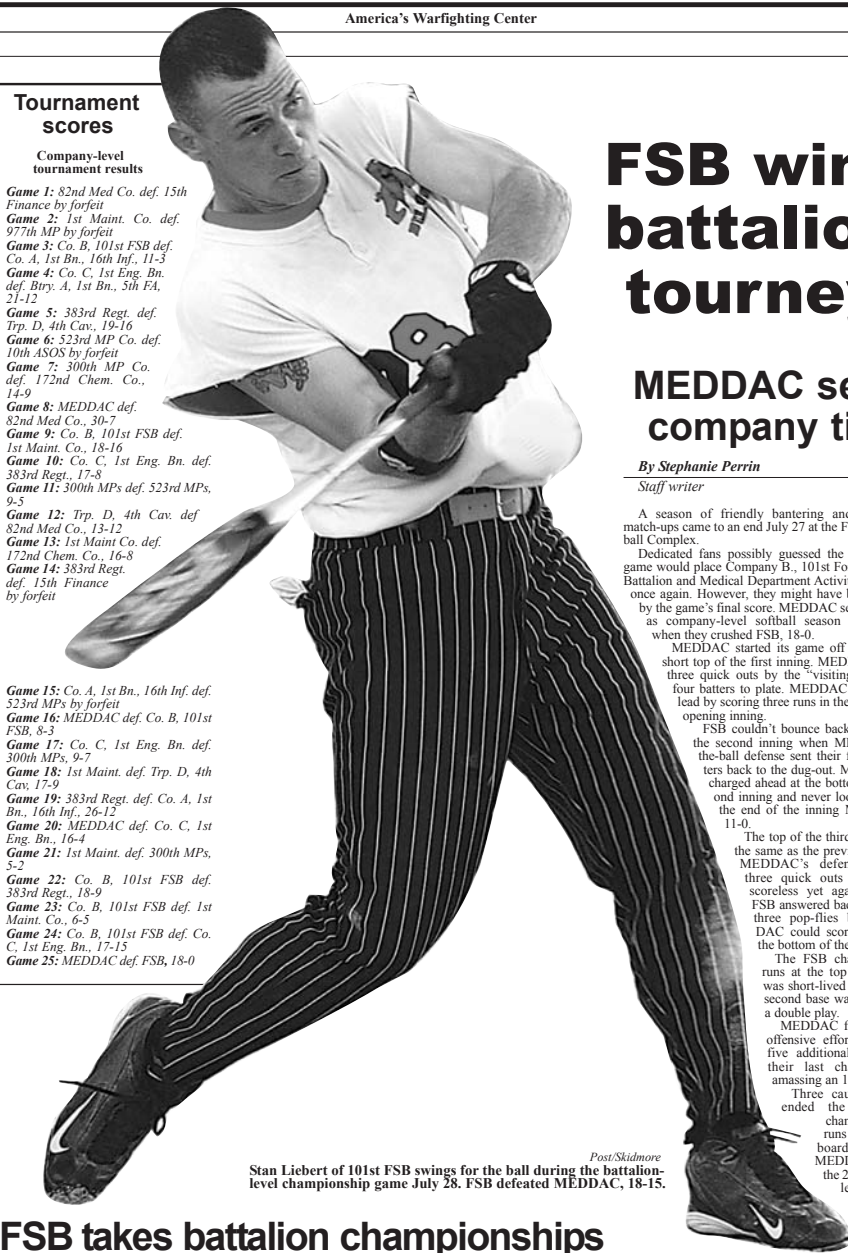
FSB couldn't bounce back at the top of the second inning when MEDDAC's on-the-ball defense sent their first three batters back to the dug-out. MEDDAC then charged ahead at the bottom of the second inning and never looked back. By the end of the inning MEDDAC led 11-0.

The top of the third inning began the same as the previous two, with MEDDAC's defense receiving three quick outs leaving FSB scoreless yet again. However, FSB answered back by catching three pop-flies before MEDDAC could score any runs at the bottom of the third.

The FSB chance to score runs at the top of the fourth was short-lived after an out at second base was followed by a double play.

MEDDAC finished off its offensive efforts by scoring five additional runs during their last chance at bat, amassing an 18-0 lead.

Three caught pop-flies ended the FSB's last chance at placing runs on the scoreboard and sealed MEDDAC's title as the 2005 company-level softball champions.



Post/Skidmore
Stan Liebert of 101st FSB swings for the ball during the battalion-level championship game July 28. FSB defeated MEDDAC, 18-15.



Post/Blackmon
Stan Liebert of Co. B, 101st Forward Support Bn., slides into second as shortstop, Josh McCarty of MEDDAC looks for the ball during MEDDAC's 18-0 win July 27.





Sports news in brief

Tuttle Creek Cove closed

Tuttle Creek Cove Park closed Aug. 1, Corps of Engineers officials have announced. The park had closed this spring for the first construction phase of a new campground. The final phase of construction began Aug. 1. Construction is expected to last six months and the park will be closed to all public use, including all vehicles and people on foot.

Once completed, Tuttle Creek Cove Park will have 39 new campsites with full hookups, a new shower building and vault toilets, a sanitary dump station and an entrance station.

Class needed to rent boat

Any person born on or after Jan. 1, 1989, and younger than 21 must complete an approved boater safety education course in order to operate a motorboat or sailboat on Kansas's public waters.

People who fall into that age category may operate a motorboat or sailboat if they are accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person older than 17 who possesses a certificate of completion for an approved boater safety education course or is exempt from this requirement.

The certification is required of anyone wishing to rent a boat from the Outdoor Recreation Center.

For more information, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 239-2363.

Sports office slates activities

Aug. 6-7 – Battalion-level golf championships

Fridays – 7 to 10 p.m., open session roller skating, Riley Wheels Skating Rink at King Field House

Saturdays – 6 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m., open session roller skating (\$1.25 stay-over fee for second session), Riley Wheels Skating Rink

Sundays – 2 to 4 p.m., family skate session, \$1 per family member, Riley Wheels Skating Rink

For more information, call 239-2813.

Golf course sets tourney

Aug. 13, Rally Point Golf Tournament, Custer Hill Golf Course.

For more information, call 784-6000.

Riley Wheels offers special

Riley Wheels Skating Rink says goodbye to summer with a back-to-school special from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 18.

The cost is \$2 per person. For more information, call 239-2243.

Fitness class needs teachers

The fitness department is looking for new fitness instructors to teach aerobic/kick boxing classes. Individuals certified by well-recognized associations, such as ACSM, AFAA or ACE, will be considered.

Anyone interested can send a resume to Building 202, Custer Avenue, fax it to 239-6870 or call 239-2813 for more information.

Fitness centers post age policy

A recently revised age policy is in effect for the fitness centers on post. Children 12 years old and younger are not authorized to use any mechanical, strength or cardio equipment, saunas or steam room.

Eligible youth who are 15 and younger must be participating in the same activity and under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian. This policy includes the use of basketball and racquetball courts.

Children age 12 and younger are not permitted into the free weight or cardio areas while a parent or guardian works out.

Center offers shooting aid

The Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 9011 on Rifle Range Road, offers a Laser Shot Shooting Simulation System to help hunters improve their shooting. The system can be used for a rental fee of \$5 per person per hour or a group rate of \$15 per half hour or \$25 per hour.

Outdoor Rec is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 239-2363.

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Alley features extreme bowling

Extreme bowling – bowling under strobe lights – is offered at discounts for families and individual soldiers using Custer Hill Lanes on post.

Families can bowl in the extreme conditions from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sundays for \$10 per family per lane. They can rent bowling shoes for \$1 a pair.

Soldiers can bowl from 10 p.m. Fridays to 1 a.m. Saturdays and from 10 p.m. Saturdays to 1 a.m. Sundays for \$11 per person.

For more information, call 239-4366.

Rec staff plans canoe trips

The Outdoor Recreation Center staff will be offering a canoe trip Aug. 20. The trip run from 9 a.m. to around 3 p.m.

The \$15 fee includes canoe, paddles, life vest and transportation to and from the Rec.

For more information or to register, call 239-2363.

By David Ferroni
Army News Service

INDIANAPOLIS – Though Sunday's running of the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard will be NASCAR's 12th trip to Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the mystique of racing at the fabled track has not lost its luster for three veteran crewmembers of Joe Nemechek's U.S. Army Chevrolet.

Gale "Bandit" Wilson (62), J.D. (John David) Hilton (55) and Pete Wright (51) – all deeply rooted from the Southeast with a passion for stock cars – continue to have a sincere appreciation for the 96-year-old motorsports facility.

"I felt we were invading holy grounds," recalled Hilton about NASCAR's first trip in 1994 to Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "I think I had the same feeling as the gladiators did when they walked into the Roman Coliseum for the first time. Even after 11 years the feeling of going back to Indy is still pretty special."

Hilton, a mechanic on the '01 Army team with 28 years of experience as a NASCAR crew member, went on to say the stepchild complex at Indianapolis no longer exists.

"Before we raced there, Indy cars were always made out to be a notch above stock cars," said Hilton. "But we don't feel that way now by any means. NASCAR is big and it's only fitting we're racing on the world's most famous track."

Wilson, the team's truck driver and crew assistant, feels his generation has more of an appreciation for what Indianapolis Motor Speedway stands for.

"I never thought we would ever see stock cars at Indy," said Wilson, who has been working the



Veteran Army team crewmembers – (from left) Gale Wilson, Pete Wright and J.D. Hilton – say racing at Indy has not lost its luster.

NASCAR circuit for 25 years. "That was a place for those other cars and drivers like Rutherford, Johncock, A.J. Mears, the Unsers and the Andrettis. The history is incredible, and because of those names, my generation has probably more of an appreciation for racing there."

Wilson, who was part of Junior Johnson's team and driver Jimmy Spencer during NASCAR's inaugural event at the Brickyard, said not all NASCAR fans view Indy the same way.

"There are probably some old diehard NASCAR fans who wouldn't give two cents for Indy," offered Wilson. "But if you're a true racer, Indy is the place to be – it completes the deal."

Wright, who has logged more than 30 years in NASCAR, ranks

racing at Indy as one of the many thrills he's enjoyed on the circuit, which includes being part of two Cup championship teams (Terry Labonte, 1984 and Darrell Waltrip, 1985) and 69 trips to Victory Lane.

"When I first heard NASCAR might race at Indy I thought it was a bunch of bull," said Wright, a gear specialist and co-crew chief with the 01 Army team. "I always thought that track was for open wheel cars and the Indy 500. I never imagined stock cars competing there. But when we got there I felt we were the King. It was an awesome feeling."

Wright actually saw the Indy mystique earlier than most NASCAR crewmembers.

"When I was working on the crew for Bill Elliott's car in 1992 we were one of 10 teams invited

to Indy for a midweek exhibition run," recalled Wright. "It was a controlled 10-lap race and there were at least 200,000 fans there. All those people came for just 10 laps – I knew then that Indy was unique – it was an overwhelming feeling."

"Here we were at the biggest track we've ever heard about and the site of the Indianapolis 500. It was a proud moment, even for someone like me who grew up in the heart of stock car country. I've been fortunate in my career, but before I call it quits I want to kiss those bricks."

And according to Wright kissing the bricks could come sooner than later for the U.S. Army team. "If we can stay away from bad luck at Indy we'll be in contention."

Hedgerows, barbed wire, stone walls part of Fort Riley's history, landscape

By Alan Hynek
Fish and Wildlife Biologist

The Fort Riley landscape is typical Flint Hills prairie, dominated by rolling meadows with gallery forests along the streams and rivers. The Flint Hills were shaped by decades of erosion, drought and floods. The native vegetation evolved to withstand extremes in temperatures and heavy impacts by large grazers, including bison, deer and elk. Early settlers though brought many changes to the vast sea of prairie. Some of those are still visible on Fort Riley. Most notable are permanent structures that were meant to contain livestock or in some cases to keep them out of crop fields. Most Soldiers and outdoorsmen on the fort have probably noticed long rows of gnarled and twisted Osage orange trees, complete with a few strands of rusty old barbed wire. An occasional rock wall is apparent, stretching across the grasslands of Fort Riley.

Osage orange is not native to Kansas, but is well adapted to the area. The natural range for these fiercely armed trees extended



Alan Hynek

north from Texas to about central Oklahoma. Before the invention of barbed wire, these living fences were the most practical solution for corralling livestock. When planted close

together, these trees become entangled to form a nearly impenetrable barrier. Osage orange is long lived, with many trees approaching the century mark. The stems of these trees continued their contribution to ranchers in the barbed wire age while serving as an excellent source for fence posts. The wood of Osage orange is hard and durable and can stand for decades.

Stone walls are not as common as hedgerows on Fort Riley, but evidence of these structures still remain. While the material to create a stone wall was almost limitless in the Flint Hills, the time and energy to create them was intense.

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The history of using stone walls for livestock fencing came from Europe, where use of stone walls continues today.

Although the initial construction was labor intense, they could stand for generations with little maintenance. Some stone walls were elaborately built, with several layers of horizontally laid rock and a single layer of flat limestone on top laid at an angle to disperse water.

Within many hedgerows are a few strands of rusted barbed wire. The barbed wire industry began in 1872 when three men – Joseph Glidden, Jacob Haish and Isaac Ellwood decided they could improve the current standard of livestock fencing.

The first strands of barbed wire were created on a Dekalb, Ill., farm. Using parts of an old coffee grinder, the three men fashioned "S" shaped barbs. Then two strands of straight wire were attached on one end to a tree and the other end to a grinding stone

and twisted, securely attaching the hand-fashioned barbs.

Although the process is much more efficient today, the same method is used today.

The popularity of barbed wire boomed in the late 1800s. Farmers, ranchers and blacksmiths tried their hand at creating the perfect barbed wire. Hundreds of patents were developed. Even more was created and sold locally without legal protection.

After much trial and error, the seemingly endless varieties of barbed wire have been reduced to only a few patents currently in use today.

Consequently, with the many styles of barbed wire created over the years, collecting became a common pastime. However, please note that it is illegal to remove any artifacts from federal property including barbed wire.

For more information, please contact the DES, Conservation Office at 239-6211 or stop by Building 1020 on Huebner Road.

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Good game

Players from the 101st FSB team and MEDDAC team shake hands following the company-level championship game July 25 at the Fort Riley Softball Complex. MEDDAC won 18-0.

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K-State Salina Solar boat team competes in New York

SALINA — Kansas State University at Salina's solar boat team competed at the 2005 Solar Splash, the world championship of intercollegiate solar boating, June 22-26, in Buffalo, N.Y.

The K-State at Salina team finished seventh overall, third in slalom, sixth in endurance and ninth in sprint. The team also won the "hottest looking boat" award for the second year in a row. This year's competition featured 16 teams from the United States and

Canada.

Points were earned in seven categories starting with technical reports that were submitted in advance of the competition. Once the competition began, the workmanship of each boat and visual displays were evaluated.

On-the-water events included a qualifier course for the sprint and the endurance categories, followed by a slalom course, which tested each boat's speed and maneuverability.

"The most important events were the sprint, where boats raced under maximum power for 300 meters, and the endurance event, where the goal was to complete as many course laps as possible within the allotted time," said team co-faculty adviser Eduard Plett.

Plett, who is assistant professor of engineering technology, attended the competition, along with team co-faculty adviser assistant professor Tim Bower.

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Community news briefly

IACH teaches breast-feeding

Irwin Army Community Hospital offers breast-feeding education classes every third Wednesday, 1 to 2:30 p.m., in the dining facility classroom (located in the hospital basement) and once a quarter during Pregnancy P.T. class.

The classes cover a variety of topics to include breast anatomy, lactation physiology and nutrition. Breast-feeding information and support is readily available at Irwin Army Community Hospital. Breastfeeding Awareness Week runs through Aug. 7. Assistance from health care providers at IACH is available by calling 239-7164.

Center creates sponsor program

The Youth Sponsorship Program is designed to match relocating military teens with teens at Fort Riley. It allows youth to contact, communicate, and connect with one another before or during their arrival at Fort Riley. Youth can earn volunteer hours, meet new friends, participate in fun activities, and help out a fellow military youth.

If you have or are a youth, grades 6-12, and would like to become a Youth Sponsor or request a Youth Sponsor, call 239-9222, stop by the Teen Center, Building 5800 or visit the Teen Center page on the Fort Riley Web Site for more information.

Upcoming activities for the Youth Sponsorship Program for August are:

Aug. 11, 3-5 p.m.: Youth Sponsorship training

Aug. 13, 3-6 p.m.: Newcomers tour of Junction City, Manhattan and Fort Riley

Aug. 19, 7-9 p.m.: Back to School party

Aug. 27, 3-6 p.m.: Newcomers tour of Junction City, Manhattan and Fort Riley

Aug. 27, 6-8 p.m.: Family potluck

School, sports physicals set

School and sports physicals are being offered on Aug. 13, at Irwin Army Community Hospital. Completed parent's portion of the physical form and your child's shot records will help to expedite the visit.

Forms are available at the Patient Assistance Desk in the main entrance of the hospital. Special needs and CDC physicals will not be offered at this physical fair, but will be done on an individual basis through your Primary Care Team.

For appointments, call 239-3627 or 1-888-239-3627.

Women's conference set

Co-Pastor Josephine Urquhart of Leesville, La., will be ministering at the second annual women's conference sponsored by Fort Riley's Morris Hill Gospel Service Covenant Women at 7 p.m., Aug. 19 at the chapel, 8:30 a.m. Aug. 20 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City and at 11 a.m. Aug. 21 at the chapel.

The theme for the conference is "Divine Intervention 4 A Victorious Attitude."

Those who plan to attend are asked to call Lisa Ramsey at Morris Hill Chapel, 239-4814, or Carla Nwoga at (785) 717-2921 or e-mail punwoga@yahoo.com.

Club Beyond season begins soon

By Eric Steggeman
ESU Intern

Ski trips and retreats are one of the many things middle and high school students have enjoyed about Club Beyond in the past.

Beginning this month, however, Club Beyond, the post-wide youth group through the Military Community Youth Ministries must raise all activity funds itself.

The intent behind the funding change, Chap. (Col.) Kenneth Sampson said, was that the chapel

"wanted to get a little bit more participation from the individual families and high school students in the funding ... and prayer process of Club Beyond." Having families and students more directly involved with Club Beyond, Sampson said, would hopefully create more public interest for its activities.

Club Beyond is an important part of the Command Master Religious Program, Sampson said. "It meets the needs of the post ... is a strong program and touches the hearts of the community."

Jason Grogan, a missionary of MCYM and director of Fort Riley's Club Beyond, said he confident that the club will still be able to provide activities for students if participation remains as high as it has in the past.

The middle school session averaged between 15-30 students per meeting last year, Grogan said, and 20-60 attended the high school sessions.

Middle school sessions will be moved from the basement of St. Mary's Chapel to the post Teen Center this year. It will give par-

ticipants more opportunities to play games and have fun as well, Grogan said.

Another part of the club's success, Grogan said, lies in students returning each year because they enjoy making a difference. In 2004, students made a goodwill mission trip to Mexico to clean up residential areas.

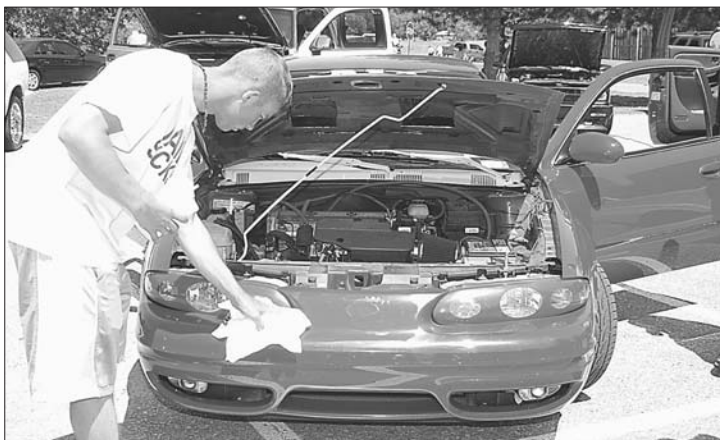
"It was a real eye-opener," Grogan said. "They were surprised by the poverty ... I had kids ask if they could just come back next year to pick up trash. It was a beautiful area, we did good

work, and the organization we worked with ... was happy with the kid's work and attitude about the whole thing."

Grogan encourages new and returning families to bring lots of ideas for fundraisers. Fund raising and donations will be the primary source of funding, Grogan said, since the Department of Defense prohibits the Chapel and its affiliated organizations from selling brand-name items as a means of revenue.

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'Pimped-out' ride



A Soldier of Co. B, 1st Eng. Bn., shines the 2001 Oldsmobile Alero owned by Sgt. Garrett Girardin, July 30 at the BOSS Car Show at Rally Point.

Owners display cars at BOSS show

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

A week before the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers' car show, BOSS President, Spc. Dwayne Allen was concerned that only four cars had pre-registered.

On the day of the show, 70 cars showed up at Rally Point for the event and Allen quit worrying.

Allen said he initially changed the event from a car competition to a car show because the lack of entries, the event was renamed a competition where more individuals entered their vehicles.

"I think it's awesome to have a post car show because all the Soldiers coming back from deployments," Allen said. "A lot of them spend their extra money on their

vehicles and this gives them a chance to show off their cars."

BOSS initially accepted entries from Soldiers only, but then opened the show to residents of surrounding communities, Allen said.

"We wanted the Soldiers to know that the show was especially for them. Then we opened the show to Junction City, Manhattan and other individuals," Allen said.

Trophies were awarded to participants whose vehicles won the categories of sound-off, truck/sport utility vehicle, domestic and import.

Sgt. Jarrod Norton of 101st Forward Support Battalion, who entered his 2003 GMC Sierra, said the show was the third competition for his red truck. Norton's

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The 2002 Pontiac "Dream Cruiser" owned by Master Sgt. J.B. Thomas of the 6th Bde., 25th Div., won the "domestic" category and also claimed the title "best in show."

Marriage and Military Life

The lure of reenlistment bonuses versus family

By Gene-Thomas Gomulka
Retired Navy chaplain

Dear Gene-Thomas,

My husband and I got married shortly after he returned from Iraq. Our son was born during his second deployment. Now that he has returned for the third time, the Marine Corps is offering him a huge bonus if he reenlists. While we can use the money, I don't know if he, our son and I can continue to survive.

- Mary Ann

Dear Mary Ann,

It is well known that the high

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Have a question? Write Gene-Thomas at letters@plaintec.net.



operational tempo has contributed to increased divorce rates, and back-to-back deployments have deeply affected the lives particularly of Marine Corps and Army personnel who have suffered

for no more than 12-13 months. With Marines that deploy for 6-7 month periods already on their third combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and with Army units that deploy for 12 months at a time on their second tours, it remains to be seen what long-term affects this will have not only upon recruitment, retention, and family life, but also upon the psychological and emotional well-being of some 80,000 Marines, and twice that number of soldiers who have served in Iraq to date.

The Surgeon General of the Army, Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, recently reported that 30 percent of troops returning from Iraq have

developed stress-related mental health problems that include anxiety, depression, nightmares and anger.

While noting that these problems may not surface until three to six months following their return home, he admitted that a smaller percentage of troops are also being diagnosed and treated for post-traumatic stress disorder.

As the military seeks to bolster recruitment by raising its recruitment age and promote retention by offering tax-free bonuses of \$20,000, it has to recognize that because more than half of all ser-

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Camp Victory opens new USO tent

By Robert Adams

Army News Service

CAMP VICTORY, Kuwait - As Soldiers redeploy from Iraq to Kuwait, they will be able to kick back and relax at the new United Service Organizations tent at Camp Victory.

Col. Brick Miller, Area Support Group Kuwait commander, Lt. Col. Larry Smith, Victory commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Gary Sirois, Victory command sergeant major and Phillip Harris, USO Kuwait director, opened the doors to visitors July 25.

"The USO is a safe, secure area and is part of the reintegration for Soldiers returning home," Harris said. "An essential part of reintegration is to help build morale for military servicemembers."

One distinctive facet of the new tent is its outside deck area. It is surrounded by grass, plants and palm trees, and includes a big-

screen television and stage area for performances, making it stand out from any other tent on camp.

The new tent is filled with couch areas, big-screen televisions with more than 500 movies, an Internet area, DSN phone lines, an XBOX gaming zone, recliner chairs, tables, a board-game area, an Arabic sitting area and dining area.

Thanks to the help of volunteers and contracting companies, the tent moved from a 1,500 square-foot tent into a 5,100 square-foot tent and was finished within three weeks.

Harris said, for 19 months the USO tent has been busting at the seams and was so crowded that long lines of people were waiting outside to get in.

"Military personnel would come in and sleep, play games and stay until the end of the night, and most would leave saying, 'Thank you. For a few hours I forgot I was in the desert.'"



Army photo

The new USO tent features a lush outdoor area complete with grass, plants and palm trees.

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vice members are married, decisions in these matters will normally not be made without consulting one's spouse.

Just how much combat stress can our personnel take, and how much family separation are service members and their spouses and children willing to endure?

Having recently spoken at a Marine Parents United Conference in Kansas City, I met parents and spouses like yourself who are proud of the sacrifices their loved ones are making, but equally concerned for their safety and what lies ahead in the future. A wife of a deployed Marine, after listening to my talk

and obtaining a copy of my book to strengthen her marriage and reduce the chances of a divorce, shared that she and her husband have decided to wait until after his return to see what non-operational orders he might be offered before deciding about staying in or getting out of the military. You and your husband may also wish to consider waiting until after his return before making your decision.

What his chances might be of redeploying, what he would do outside of the military, and where you would live, are only but a few questions that would be wise to discuss together.

Fast food chains bring slice of home to deployed troops

DALLAS - From the time the first Burger King restaurant opened at Baghdad International Airport June 10, 2003, to the newest Starbucks and Charley's Grilled Subs opening July 2005 in Arifjan, Kuwait, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service has been providing deployed troops with a taste of home and an instant morale boost.

The number of name brand fast food restaurants AAFES operates in Operation Iraqi Freedom, from Camp Sather to Camp Victory, has expanded rapidly since the first Burger King. There are now

41 name brand fast food restaurants, including eight Burger Kings, nine Subways, two Cinnabons and one Taco Bell.

Name brand fast food can also be found throughout Operation Enduring Freedom. Subways and Burger Kings are located in Kuwait and Afghanistan to the delight of hungry troops looking for a relief from the realities of serving in a hostile location so far from home.

Capt. Kevin Baird, company commander for Company B, 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, witnesses

the morale benefit name brand fast food provides.

"Eating at Subway, Pizza Hut or Burger King is a great break from the realities of life in Iraq," said Baird. "A meal at one of these restaurants is often the highlight of the week."

Wherever troops are sent, AAFES is sure to follow with support and a familiar snack. In addition to the name brand fast food facilities found in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, AAFES operates more than 2,000 restaurants worldwide.

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truck won the truck/SUV category. He said he enjoyed the show, but hopes the trucks and SUV's will be separated into individual categories in the future.

Master Sgt. J.B. Thomas of the 6th Brigade, 25th Division, won the domestic category and best-in-show with his 2002 Pontiac "Dream Cruiser." The gold PT Cruiser included wireless cameras, DVD player and a Play Station with wireless remotes. Thomas said the "Dream Cruiser" was one of only 5000 produced.

"It's nice to see there are cool looking cars at Fort Riley," car show attendee, Pfc. Simonte Tui-fua said.

Spec. Charlie Montes of 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, views a Ford Mustang entered in the BOSS Car Show July 30.

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gram, because it keeps them reading throughout the summer," said Assistant Project Manager Ashley Griffith.

The reader with the most overall points as well as the top three readers from each house received various prizes. Children also received incentives every five points which included coupons to local businesses.

Overall top reader

Micah McCurry, 175 pts.

House of the Unicorn

- 1) Joseph Nakasone, 105 pts.
- 2) David Nakasone, 105 pts.
- 2) Alexander Rosenbaum, 85 pts.
- 3) Amanda Ayers, 54 pts.

House of the Dragon

- 1) Daniel Nakasone, 103 pts.
- 2) Alex Roch, 63 pts.
- 3) Nathaniel Ayers, 54 pts.

House of the Lord and Lady

- 1) Sarah Nakasone, 71 pts.
- 2) Holly Townsend, 56 pts.
- 3) Isaac Lopez, 50 pts.

House of King and Queen

- 1) McKenna Kelly, 102 pts.
- 2) Thomas Miskevish, 53 pts.
- 3) Cassie Townsend, 48 pts.



Community news briefly

Comedy show slated for Aug. 6

People in need for a good laugh can attend the comedy show sponsored by Brothers 2 the Night and Big Nose Entertainment.com. The show will feature the comedians; Rodman, Michael Price and B-Phlatt.

The comedy show will begin at Aug. 6 at the Court-yard by Marriott in Junction City. Tickets for the 8 p.m. show are available at the Manhattan Town Center's information desk, Kut N Klose 2000 hair salon in Junction City and at Irwin Army Community Hospital. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

School sign-up begins soon

Geary County Unified School District 475 enrollment for new high school students will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 9 and 11 at the school.

Teen Center activities set

Aug. 5 - Video game tournaments

Aug. 6 - Jamaica-me-clean luau

Aug. 12 - Skating
For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

Support center classes posted

Aug. 8, noon-3 p.m., Spouse activity day
Aug. 12, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Spouse orientation
For more information, call 239-9435.

Library opens pages on fun

Spend a cool Saturday afternoon at the Fort Riley Post Library at the 1:30 p.m. storytimes. The library will celebrate the "dog days" of summer with stories about our favorite pets.

In "Martha Speaks," the story for Aug. 6, the family dog Martha learns to speak when she eats some alphabet soup. All children accompanied by an adult are welcome at Saturday storytimes.

The Fort Riley Post Library is located in Building 5306 on Custer Hill.

For more information, call Victoria Martin, 239-5305.

Crafts center classes posted

Aug. 7 - 1 to 4:30 p.m., Scrapbooking get-together

Aug. 8 - 7 p.m., Crochet, knitting and cross-stitch

Aug. 9 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wood class (outdoor swings or gliders)

For more information, call 239-9205.

Youth services activities set

Aug. 5, 8:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m., Rock Springs Ranch, first through fifth grade.

Aug. 8, 8 a.m.-5:45 p.m., Kaleidoscope Museum trip, Kindergarten, Group 2

For more information, call 239-9173.

High school dance slated

All students entering ninth through 12th grades are invited to party the summer away from 9-11:30 p.m. Aug. 15 at Rally Point. This dance is free.

Transportation to and from the dance will be available as follows: Pick-up at Main Post Chapel at 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., pick-up at Teen Center at 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Depart Rally Point for both returning destinations at 11:30 p.m.
For more information, call 239-9222.

Tricare Prime adds provider flexibility

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

The Point-of-Service, or POS, option of TRICARE Prime and Prime Remote plans adds a measure of flexibility for active duty family members, but this flexibility comes at an additional cost.

Simply put, POS allows Prime and Prime Remote beneficiaries to choose to receive TRICARE-covered non-emergency services outside of the TRICARE Prime network of providers without a referral from their Primary Care Manager, or PCM, or an authorization from TriWest Healthcare Alliance by paying an additional deductible and cost-share.

Typically, the POS option is

used for a one-time visit to a non-network provider without a pre-authorization.

POS cost-sharing applies for those beneficiaries who receive urgent or specialty care without either a referral from their PCM or an authorization from TriWest; when they receive routine care while traveling; or when electing to have prescriptions filled at a non-network civilian pharmacy.

Using the POS option results in higher out-of-pocket costs for beneficiaries. When using the POS option, TRICARE Prime and TPR beneficiaries are responsible for an annual deductible (for outpatient care) of \$300 for an individual and \$600 for a family. After

the deductible is satisfied, the cost-share is 50 percent of the TRICARE allowable charge.

The cost-share applies to both inpatient and outpatient services. Any additional charges by non-network providers also become the beneficiary's responsibility: up to 15 percent above the allowable charge, as permitted by law. Deductibles and POS cost-sharing may also apply to services received from a TRICARE Prime network provider if the care is not pre-authorized.

For example, if a beneficiary's annual deductible has been met and the visit costs and the TRICARE allowable charge is \$500, the beneficiary must pay the 50

percent of the remaining POS charge, or \$250.

Additionally, POS costs are NOT applied towards the annual catastrophic cap. So, using this option can be very expensive.

Beneficiaries should make every effort to avoid expensive POS charges by contacting their PCM for a referral before seeking care. TriWest will notify both the provider and the beneficiary when authorization is given.

The POS option does not apply to emergency situations. Beneficiaries in an emergency situation should immediately go or be taken to the nearest emergency care facility.

The POS option also does not

apply to TRICARE Standard beneficiaries. Active duty servicemembers are also not eligible to use the POS option.

Active duty servicemembers who visit a civilian provider without a referral from their military treatment facility or the Military Medical Support Office, Great Lakes, Ill., will be denied payment of claims. In those cases, the ADPM will be required to pay all costs and will not be reimbursed by the government.

More information on POS and other TRICARE benefit information can be found at www.tricare.osd.mil or www.trivest.com.

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Club Beyond has had several successful fund raising activities in the past, Grogan said. Their "mock jail" at Apple Days last year, Grogan said, was a big hit. Visitors could place bounties on a friend's heads and have them arrested, to which a donation made as "bail" would set them free.

Main Post residents may also be familiar with the "Pink Flamingo War," in which residents donate funds to place and move pink flamingo lawn ornaments on

neighbor's lawns, Grogan said. There are currently two sessions of Club Beyond available to local students. Club Beyond JV for sixth through eighth graders runs every Wednesday beginning Aug. 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fort Riley Teen Center. Club Beyond ninth through 12th graders runs every Sunday beginning Aug. 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel. For more information, call Jason Grogan at (785) 537-2606.



IACH photo

Stella Hines has been nominated to represent the Great Plains Regional Medical Command.

IACH staffer grabs award nomination

Stella Hines of Irwin Army Community Hospital has been selected to represent the Great Plains Regional Medical Command (GPRMC) in the GS 09-11 Category for the 2005 Civilian Blacks in Government Meritorious Service Award.

Hines, chief, Clinical Support Branch, Clinical Operations Division at IACH is responsible for

assuring Soldiers get the timely and appropriate healthcare they require.

The supervisor of 13 employees, Hines provides the purpose, direction and motivation necessary for her subordinates to accomplish their mission. She assures her staff gets the training and education they need to perform their jobs successfully.

Soldier cooks up culinary federation nomination

By Scott Ross

Army News Service



Photo provided by USTRANSCOM

Sgt. 1st Class Rene Marquis conducts a training demonstration at Hickham Air Force Base in Hawaii. He was inducted into the American Academy of Chefs in San Antonio, Texas, July 29.

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bers, will induct 13 chefs into its honor society this year.

According to the ACF Web site, the AAC recognizes culinary professionals whose contributions have positively affected the culinary industry and who reflect an image that perpetuates the profession of future culinary artists.

A 1992 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York and two-time title holder of Virginia's Iron Chef, Marquis joined the Army in 1994.

He taught the flagship culinary course for the all of the services at

the Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence at Fort Lee, Va., and deployed four times during a three-year tour at Fort Drum, N.Y. In 2004, Marquis was one of six Soldiers on the U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team who won 16 gold and 17 silver medals at the Culinary Olympics - the highest medal count for a single team from any country.

Marquis is the enlisted aide to Lt. Gen. Robert Dail, USTRANSCOM deputy commander.

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, August 5, 2005

Leisuretime ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Aug. 5, 7 - War Of the Worlds (PG-13)

Aug. 6 - 2 p.m. Herbie: Fully Loaded (G)

Aug. 6, 11 - Bewitched (PG-13)

Aug. 8-10 - No showing

Aug. 12, 14 - Dark Water (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Manhattan:

What: Arts in the Park.
When: 8 p.m. The Benders (oldies) performs Aug. 5; Muz-izi (reggae) performs Aug. 6.
Where: City Park
Admission: Free

What: Arts in the Park.
When: 8 p.m. Vaughn Bolton Orchestra (big band) performs Aug. 12; Billy Dean (country) performs Aug. 13.
Where: City Park
Admission: Free

McLouth:

What: Threshing Bee. Old-fashioned threshing bee, arts/crafts and quilts. Watch vintage farm equipment in action.
When: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: U.S. Highway 24 and Kansas Highway 16
Phone: (785) 863-3072 or (800) 896-3198
Admission: \$6 for 3 days

Tonganoxie:

What: Leavenworth County Fair. Parade, rodeo, 4-H/FFA and open class exhibits, carnival rides, food, livestock auction and entertainment. Shuttle rides to/from parking lots.
When: 10 a.m. to midnight Aug. 8-13

Where: Fairgrounds
Phone: (913) 250-2300
Admission: Free

Lawrence:

What: Civil War on the Western Frontier. Living history events that focus on historic Lawrence and Douglas County during the early Territorial days and the Civil War.
When: Aug. 13-21
Where: Citywide
Phone: (785) 865-4499
Admission: Free

Onaga:

What: Pottawatomie County Fair. Rodeo, food, softball tournament, games, livestock, 4-H and open class exhibits, and dance.
When: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. through Aug. 7

Where: Pottawatomie County Fairgrounds
Phone: (785) 889-4650
Admission: Free

Council Grove:

What: Quilts on the Prairie. Sixth annual outdoor quilt show, featuring quilts displayed in a historic park, educational programs and demonstrations.
When: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 6

Where: Main Street, Council Oak Park
Phone: (620) 767-5882 or (800) 732-9211
Admission: Free

Salina:

What: Tri Rivers Fair, Rodeo and Draft Horse Show. Parade, draft horse show, rodeo, demolition derby, carnival, commercial booths, 4-H compe-

tion and exhibits.

When: Aug. 10-14
Where: Saline County Expo Center
Phone: (785) 827-4425
Admission: Varies

Goessel:

What: Country Threshing Days. Saturday morning parade, antique tractors and farm equipment, displays and demonstrations, children's activities, Menomone ethnic food and much more.
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 5-7

Where: 200 N. Poplar
Phone: (620) 367-8200
Admission: \$4 button in advance, \$5 button at the gate

Hutchinson:

What: Emancipation Day Celebration. 115th annual celebration of diversity in Hutchinson.

When: 10 a.m. Aug. 5-7
Where: Various areas throughout city
Phone: (620) 662-1280
Admission: Free

Lindsborg:

What: Smoky Valley Classic Car Show. Fifth-annual. Enjoy a blast from the past by viewing an array of classic automobiles.

When: Aug. 6
Where: Swensson Park
Phone: (785) 227-3706 or (888) 227-2227
Admission: Free

Abilene:

What: Wild Bill Hickok PRC A Rodeo. Named one of the top five outdoor small rodeos of America. Three nights of the best cowboys in America.
When: 7:30 p.m. through Aug. 6

Where: Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo arena
Phone: (785) 263-4570 or (800) 569-5915
Admission: \$10 at gate; \$8 in advance

What: Western Heritage Festival. Old-fashioned kid's games, fastdraw contests, chuckwagon meal, Western music and Wild Bill Hickok impersonators.

When: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 6, 7:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 7
Where: Eisenhower Park
Phone: (785) 263-2231 or (800) 569-5915
Admission: Free

Wichita:

What: Family Days and Vintage Base Ball Contest. Entertainment and old-fashioned fun from the 1870s fill the town with plenty of fun for your family to enjoy together including 1870s crafts, music, roping, wagon rides, schoolyard games, roping and branding, washboard laundry and lots of old-fashioned fun. Enjoy some leute dancing by the Junge Leute and stop by the Saloon to see the Dixie Lee Dance Troupe and varieties kick up their heels. Cowtown's very first Vintage Base Ball Contest highlights the weekend. Five teams plus the Red Stockings and Bull Dozers play a round-robin tournament. Vintage baseball teams from around the area play in this contest with the Championship played on Sunday afternoon. Teams and/or historical groups are invited. The baseball rules of 1876 are used for play.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 6 and noon to 5 p.m. Aug. 7
Where: 1871 Sim Park Dr., Old Cowtown
Phone: (316) 264-6398
Admission: Adult \$7.25; Senior (62+) \$6.50; Youth (12-17) \$5; Children (4-11) \$4; Ages 3 and younger no charge. Members get in free. Group rates are available.

Active history

Museum takes visitors back in time

By Stephanie Perrin

Staff writer

A short 45-minute drive can take visitors back in time more than 200 years and place them on the legendary trail with Capt. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

The Kansas Museum of History in Topeka is hosting the traveling exhibit "Beyond Lewis and Clark: The Army Explores the West."

The exhibit displays artifacts, drawings and maps from military explorers through 1804 to 1874. The exhibit spans the seventy years of military explorations in the West from the famed expedition of Lewis and Clark to that of Gen. George Custer.

Among the hundreds of images and objects in the exhibit are Lewis' air rifle, Clark's original field notes and maps and Custer's riding boots. Visitors can also read excerpts from letters the explorers wrote to family members describing their journeys.

Once visitors reach the end of their military journey of "exploring the West" they are located at the entrance to the museum's permanent attractions. The displays follow Kansas' history from 5000 B.C. to the recent 1990s.

The "early people" period displays history of 5000 B.C. through 1820 and contains a 5,000-year-old sculptured human head and a life-size tipi and grass lodge.

Visitors next encounter a stuffed buffalo and covered wagon depicting the "trails" period up to the 1860s. The covered wagon is complete with supplies such as a butter churn and spare wagon wheels.

A canon welcomes guests into the "civil war" period. The exhibit displays the different uniforms worn by the Soldiers and weapons used through out the war. The display also includes an exhibit demonstrating the hardships of the family members while their Soldiers were away at war.

"Settling the Frontier" is the next stop in the journey through Kansas' history. Visitors view the inside of a life-sized log cabin and stage coach. The coach was used by the Southwest Stage Company of Atchison, Kan. and traveled along a route between Kansas and Colorado.

Visitors then walk into the rear car of a train to enter the "Trains and Towns" era. Locomotive No. 132 once climbed the steep hills of the Colorado and New Mexico border before it was replaced by more powerful locomotives in the early 1900s. The four-car train includes two-passenger car, the coal car and the engine.

The exhibit of the "early 20th century" contains a windmill once used to pump water to a Kansas farm. The display also features the first aircraft, created by a Kansan, to successfully fly.

Museum-goers last stop exhibits artifacts from Kansas' "recent past." The displays feature many artifacts from household appliances to a life-sized restaurant.

Once visitors return to the lobby, parents can purchase souvenirs at the gift shop while their children play at the museum's "Discovery Place."

The children's area allows young visitors to the museum the opportunity to ride carousel horses, stage a puppet show and crawl into a tipi.

Nature enthusiasts can also take a walk on the center's 2.5 mile nature trail that provides information about wildlife in the woodlands and prairie grasslands.



Post/Perrin
Mallory Koger, dressed in traditional 1800s clothing, "shops" at a general store July 20 at Discovery Place inside the Kansas Museum of History at Topeka.

If you go:

Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays; 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays

Closed: Mondays and state holidays

Directions: From Fort Riley, take Interstate 70 east to exit 356; turn right, enter roundabout and follow the signs.

Cost: \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 students (K-12, college students with ID). Children 5 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Group rates available with prior notice

For more information: Call (785) 272-8681 or visit www.kshs.org



Post/Perrin
Colin Koger throws a ball to knock down the "pins" at Discovery Place.

So what's so big about Kansas?

The wide-open spaces in Kansas allow people to dream and make big things happen, state tourism officials claim. That positioning statement is at the core of the new Kansas image campaign. The new "Kansas. As big as you think" message is found at dozens of attractions throughout the state, including:

Big Thinker

One of the world's big thinkers, and one of the most famous Kansans, President Dwight D.

Eisenhower, called Abilene home. The Eisenhower Center there includes his Presidential Library and boyhood home.

Big Flight

Born and raised in Atchison, Amelia Earhart disappeared without a trace, but not before becoming the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Her life can be discovered at the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, located in the home where she was born.

Big Prairie

America's last great stand of tallgrass prairie, more than five million acres in the Flint Hills of east central Kansas, includes the nation's only national park dedicated to the tallgrass prairie.

The Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Strong City is dedicated to these native grasses that at one time covered most of the central United States and the cultures it sustained.

Visitors can walk through the

prairie or take a bus tour for a close-up look at this unique ecosystem. The nearby Konza Prairie near Manhattan also offers trails and sweeping views of the rolling Flint Hills.

Big Ball of Twine

The world's largest ball of twine in Cawker City measures more than 38 feet in circumference and weighs more than 16,750 pounds. More than 300,000 people visit the big ball each year.

